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## Charges unlikely in Afghan airstrike

Report: There was a failure to follow preventive rules

By JOSEPH GIORDONO  
Stars and Stripes

Despite a failure to follow guidelines designed to prevent civilian casualties, no American troops or pilots are expected to face charges or further investigation in a May airstrike that killed dozens of Afghan civilians, officials said Monday.

Senior officials including Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal — who has been nominated to take over the Afghan war effort — have been briefed on the findings of the May 4 incident in Farah province in eastern Afghanistan.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said at a press briefing Monday that it will be up to Central Command to release the full report.

Morrell said “there were some problems with the tactics, techniques and procedures” involving the airstrikes, including “the way in which close air support was supposed to have been executed.”

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Nats hope hyped No. 1 draft pick can be a savior, not a setback

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Stephen Strasburg



NADA BAKRI/The Washington Post

“Anything American, I love it,” says Mark Apram, Baghdad’s most popular tattoo artist, whose designs are inspired by the Internet, satellite TV channels and most of all, he says, by what he sees on U.S. soldiers’ arms when they roll up their sleeves.

‘THEY’RE TEACHING US HOW TO ACT’

## AMERICAN INFLUENCE

U.S. FORCES LEAVING THEIR IMPRINT ON IRAQI CULTURE

By ANTHONY SHADID  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Across the street from the tidy rows of tombstones in the British cemetery, mute testimony to the soldiers of an earlier occupation, Mustafa Muwaffaq bears witness to the quieter side of the United States’ 6-year-old presence in Iraq.

In wraparound sunglasses, shorts and shoes without socks, the burly 20-year-old student waxes eloquent about his love for heavy metal of all kinds: death, thrash, black. But none of it compares, he says, to the honky-tonk of Alan Jackson, whose

tunes he strums on his acoustic guitar at night, pining for a life as far away as a passport will take him.

“You know, I wanna go to Texas and be a country boy,” he said, standing in the sweltering shade of Baghdad’s Academy of Fine Arts. “I wanna be a cowboy, and I wanna sing like one.”

All occupations eventually end. When this one does, history’s narratives will be shaped by the cacophony it wrought — the carnage unleashed by the U.S.-led invasion that threatened Iraq’s notion of itself as a country and that will haunt generations to come.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"People are bored. They don't have anything to do and they don't have support, so they make bad choices."**

— Military spouse Sunna Rebollo, of Grafenwöhr, Germany, on why she thinks parents are taking young children to R-rated movies at the AAFES theater

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# Airstrike: Troops did not confirm targets

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But, he said later in the briefing, "I got no sense from anything I heard today that charges are imminent or warranted in this case."

Civilian deaths have long been a problem for U.S. forces in Afghanistan. But the Farah incident reignited Afghan anger and led President Hamid Karzai to demand an end to U.S. airstrikes in the country. A preliminary American report from an investigation into the attack put the number of civilian casualties as high as 30. Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission concluded that 97 civilians died in the attack, including 65 children and 21 women, while earlier Afghan government estimates rose as high as 140 civilian casualties.

During his Senate confirmation hearing earlier this month, McChrystal said any victory in Afghanistan must include a reduction in civilian deaths.

"Although I expect stiff fighting ahead, the measure of effectiveness will not be enemy killed. It will be the number of Afghans shielded from violence," he said.

"This is a struggle for the support of the Afghan people.... I can-

not overstate my commitment to the importance of this concept."

But, Morrell said, "I did not get any sense that there would be follow-on beyond [the report] — beyond General McChrystal taking additional measures once he hits the ground to determine how we can do a better job with regards to civilian casualties."

Officials have said the Farah incident began when an Afghan unit responding to reports of beheadings was ambushed by Taliban fighters. The Afghans called in a Marine unit, and a "several-hour" battle ensued.

Morrell acknowledged a number of civilians were killed, but claimed that the report found "they were greatly outnumbered by the Taliban killed in this incident."

The report faults U.S. troops for violating guidelines on initial

airstrike planning in populated areas and for dropping ordnance without proper confirmation of targets, officials said.

Aircraft including four Navy F-18 Hornets and an Air Force B-1, using 2,000-pound bombs, were used for several bombing runs.

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According to a New York Times article earlier this month, an official familiar with the inquiry said that "in several instances where there was a legitimate threat, the choice of how to deal with that threat did not comply with the standing rules of engagement."

In another one of the strikes, the Times reported, aircraft struck a compound where militants were amassing for a possible counterattack, violating rules requiring an imminent threat before putting areas with many civilians at risk.

In late May, Col. Greg Julian,

the top U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, told Stars and Stripes that officials were seeking to declassify weapon-sight video and other intelligence that would show blame lies with the Taliban.

Morrell said the video was included in the briefing for Gates and McChrystal, but could not say whether it would be released publicly.

Julian, in remarks echoed by other American officials in recent weeks, said the Farah attack showcased a new Taliban tactic deliberately designed to create an outcry that would take American airstrikes off the table. U.S. forces have long claimed that enemy fighters use "human shields" to prevent soldiers from returning fire.

But this time, the insurgents actually wanted the Americans to attack so civilians would die, Julian said. The enemy fighters even had plans to kill the civilians themselves if the airstrikes didn't kill enough people, allegedly by using grenades to make it look like bombs killed them, Julian said.

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# Military altering MRAP suspension for Afghan terrain

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. military is turning to a retrofitted suspension system to make MRAPs designed for combat in Iraq safer when they are redeployed to the rocky, mountainous terrain of Afghanistan.

During a demonstration at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle shook violently as it descended a steep hill. But it made it to the bottom with no real problems, according to a Wall Street Journal report.

"You'd never even have tried that with an old MRAP," military contractor Mark Jackson told the Journal. "It wouldn't have made it even halfway down the hill."

The military is attempting to adapt to ground conditions faster than it did in the early days of the Iraq war. In the period after roadside bombs became prominent in Iraq, troops resorted to welding their own armor on their vehi-

cles for extra protection.

"The MRAPs were bought for Iraq," Marine Brig. Gen. Michael Brogan told the Journal. "They weren't bought with any vision of needing to handle the rough terrain that's common in Afghanistan."

The problem, the Journal wrote, is the MRAP's design, in which both sets of wheels are connected to a single axle. This kept the wheels from moving independently on rocky, uneven surfaces.

Military engineers worked with civilian contractors to develop the independent suspension systems, allowing each wheel to better absorb the shock, the Journal wrote. They also added additional shielding to the underside of the vehicles to protect against explosions.

At a cost of about \$100,000 per vehicle, the military hopes to retrofit all 1,000 MRAPs in use in Afghanistan. To date, only five have received the new suspension system.



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**A convoy of new Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles drives along a dirt road at Camp Liberty in Baghdad after a training class in November 2007. The military is making plans to retrofit all MRAPs with suspensions designed for the rougher Afghan terrain.**

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# Zama marches to a new beat

## Soldier's new command anthem to debut at dance

By GRANT OKUBO  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — The synchronous beat of a cadence being sung by a formation of troops is a big part of the ceremonial Army culture.

Sgt. Sherif Mostafa, a member of the 296th U.S. Army Japan band, can add his name to the list of servicemembers contributing to this distinguished tradition as he prepares to unveil his new march for the upcoming USARJ Birthday Ball being held at Camp Zama later this month.

The march is the first written for the USARJ, and the meaning behind it speaks toward the overall mission of U.S. soldiers serving in Japan, Mostafa said. The new anthem calls upon these soldiers to serve and defend Japan as they work side by side with their hosts, he said.

Mostafa and other members of the Army band were challenged by their leadership to compose a march that would represent the soldiers in Japan. He composed three before settling on the selected march.

"I felt really good about this one when I wrote it," he said.

Mostafa said he spent two months composing the march and



Photo courtesy of Sgt. Sherif Mostafa

**Sgt. Sherif Mostafa, right, a member of the 296th U.S. Army Japan band, shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, commander of USARJ and deputy commander of I Corp (Forward), during an awards ceremony last week at Camp Zama. Wiercinski awarded Mostafa the army commendation medal for his outstanding performance in composing the new USARJ march.**

a few weeks editing it, and credits his wife with helping him writing the lyrics.

Mostafa says the response to the march has been positive.

"I hear people whistling it and humming it," he said.

"The greatest compliment for any musician is to have someone whistle or hum your music, because it means you've reached them in some way."

Mostafa's love of music is nothing

new. A musician in the Army for the past four years, he began playing instruments 18 years ago and began composing music 11 years ago.

As the architect of the anthem, Mostafa inevitably leaves his mark on USARJ, but he said the impact of his accomplishment still hasn't hit him.

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# Army offering incentive pay in lieu of stop loss

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
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ARLINGTON, Va. — Now that the Army is getting rid of stop loss, it is offering soldiers money to stay in the service long enough to finish their deployments.

The active-duty Army will begin deploying units without using stop loss on Jan. 1.

Active-duty soldiers who arrive in country after Jan. 1 are eligible to receive as much as \$500 for each month beyond their separation date to complete deployments in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, a recent Army-wide message said.

Soldiers who opt to extend between six and nine months before arriving in country are eligible for \$500 per month, the message said. Those who extend less than six months before deploying but more than 90 days before they are slated to leave the Army can receive \$350 per month.

"We're trying to get them to act early to give [Human Resources Command] the maximum flexi-

bility for them to identify as far as possible who's going to stay, who's going to go," said Lt. Col. Gerald Conway, acting chief of the enlisted career systems division.

About 930 soldiers in the first two units slated to deploy without stop loss are eligible for the financial incentive, officials said.

All are eligible for the \$500 per month right now, but those who want the extra money need to apply sooner rather than later, officials said.

So far only a handful of soldiers have taken the incentive, which became effective on June 4, officials said.

"We anecdotally have heard that's not enough money — I'm not going to do it for \$500 a month; \$350 a month, that's not enough," Conway said. "Whether or not that's true, I don't know until we start seeing what happens."

By the end of June, he said, the Army should know whether the current incentives are successful.

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## Camp Fuji gets new commander

Col. David L. Coggins assumed command of Combined Arms Training Center at Camp Fuji from Col. Robert G. Golden III in a ceremony Monday.

Golden, who served as the base commander since June 2008, will be heading to I Marine Expeditionary Force G-3 operations at Camp Pendleton, Calif. according to a news release.

Coggins' previous assignment was head of NATO training support in Norfolk, Va.

## Yokota to end taxi service

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The on-base taxi service at Yokota will cease operations June 30, according to a letter sent out to base personnel by Maj. Joseph A. Ericson Jr., deputy for the 374th Force Support Squadron.

In the letter, Ericson said the 374th FSS is aggressively searching for a new contractor to provide the service, but no date was given for when services would resume.

For more information, call DSN 225-7720.

From staff reports

## Sailor's father gets Navy burial at sea



OLIVER COLE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Petty Officer 1st Class Noel Myers holds a flag and photo of his father, Edmond McKinley Myers Jr., moments after a burial-at-sea ceremony in the western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan. The flag was presented to Myers by the ship's commanding officer, Capt. K.J. Norton.**

# Japanese police say Filipino with fake DOD ID card jailed

By ERIK SLAVIN  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A Philippine national who carried a fake Department of Defense identification card and remained in Japan for five years was arrested in May for overstaying his visa, Kanagawa Prefectural Police said Tuesday.

A man identified by police as Sipin Joseph Jr. Hanopol, 30, said he obtained the fake DOD identification card from his mother around 2006, when she was a Navy dependent, Japanese police said.

The mother was married to a first class petty officer, Japanese police said.

The police declined to name the mother or the sailor.

The sailor has since retired and both the mother and sailor have been in the United States since 2006, Japanese police said.

Hanopol is in jail pending a decision by prosecutors on whether to try him or recommend deportation.

Hanopol told police his mother sent him the fake identification card while she was visiting the Philippines.

He had entered Japan on a short-term visa and was denied a dependent identification card because he was too old, Japanese police said.

Children of identification card holders are not eligible for their own card past their 21st birthday, or their 23rd birthday if they are in college, a U.S. Naval Forces Japan spokesman said Tuesday.

U.S. Naval Forces Japan referred all other queries to the Japanese police.

Hanopol was questioned by police on an unrelated matter when he was arrested for overstaying his visa.

He said he had visited Yokosuka Naval Base, but it was unclear whether he used the fake identification card to gain entry, police said.

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# Young viewers at R-rated films on a base brings up the question of what is age-appropriate

By SETH ROBSON  
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GRAFENWÖHR, Germany — The audience members at the Tower Theater on a recent evening sat in awkward silence as they watched a scene from "The Last House on the Left" that showed an escaped criminal raping a teenage girl in a secluded forest.

Things got a little more uncomfortable when a small voice in the audience piped up: "What's happening, Mommy?"

"She had a boo-boo," replied his mother, hurriedly attempting to cover her young son's eyes.

The boy wasn't the only child watching the rape scene and other graphic content in the Wes

Craven film, which also depicts teenage drug use, nudity, profanity and numerous grisly murders.

On a typical evening at any AAFES theater, mothers and fathers can be found viewing R-rated movies with their young children chomping on popcorn right next to them.

While others may question the suitability of R-rated movies for children, some military parents say the choices of English-language films overseas are few. Often, going to movies on base is the only convenient activity for a parent who has a deployed spouse but wants to get out of the house with the kids.

And, while research suggests such movies could be harmful to young children, Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials and Army family advocates say parents are the only real arbiters of what activities are suitable for their children.

Shannon Linville, a military spouse who brought children to see the R-rated film that night, said she doesn't check film ratings and didn't realize how much more graphic today's horror movies have become. Linville, a gym instructor on base, said she was horrified that AAFES would even consider screening such a movie to military personnel.

"When I was young, R-rated meant something like 'Jaws,'" she said.

A few nights later, another military spouse, Sunna Rebolledo, walked out of the theater during a much tamer PG-13 movie, "Duplicity."

The family thought another movie was showing that night, Rebolledo said, adding that she never takes her kids to see R-rated movies, although she often sees other parents doing so.

"I think probably the major

reason is deployments," she said. "People are bored. They don't have anything to do and they don't have support, so they make bad choices."

Other military parents cited the narrow selection of English language movies at overseas duty stations, which often have only one AAFES theater, and the lack of child care options.

So should AAFES prevent parents from taking their young children into R-rated movies?

"Only parents are qualified to make personal family judgments about their children's viewing habits," said AAFES spokesman Lt. Col. David Konop.

AAFES' policy mirrors the movie industry standard voluntary rating system, he said.

The voluntary industry standards, produced by the Motion Picture Association of America, include the "R" rating for films that require patrons under 17 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

"An R-rated motion picture may include adult themes, adult activity, hard language, intense or persistent violence, sexually-oriented nudity, drug abuse or other elements," the MPAA Web site states.

"The rating system is not a surrogate parent, nor should it be," Konop said. "It cannot insert itself in family decisions that only parents can make."

The objective of the rating system is to give prescreening information and cautionary warnings so parents can make their own decisions about the movies their children watch, he said.

However, University of New Mexico pediatrics professor Dr. Vic Strasburger, the author of 12 books and several textbooks on children and the media, said the MPAA ratings system suffers

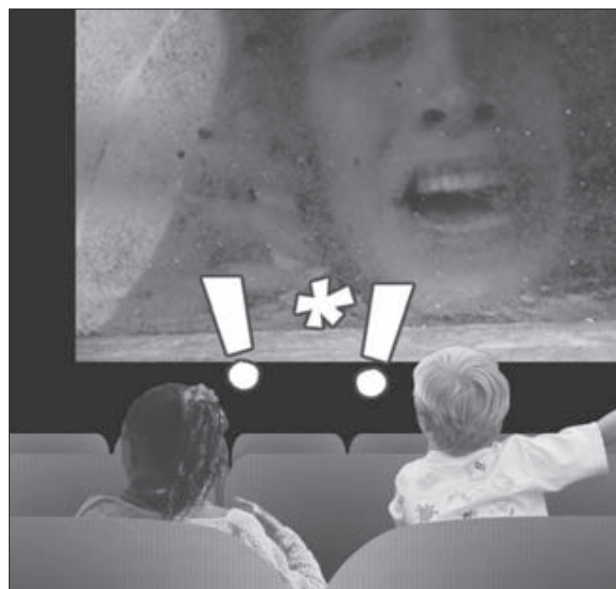


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from a number of flaws.

"It's not content-based but age-based, which is a major problem," Strasburger said. "There has been 'ratings creep' in the past decade (what used to be R is now PG-13, etc.), and the board (which determines the ratings) is secret. There needs to be a pediatrician and child psychologist on the ratings board."

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Strasburger said parents should be most concerned about the impact of violence in movies on their children.

"Kids learn the notion of justified violence and get desensitized to violence. There's a lot of violence in PG-rated movies, and in R-rated movies the violence is quite graphic," he said.

Studies show that kids who view sexual conduct in movies at a young age are more likely to begin having sex at a young age, he said.

"We now think that kids seeing repeated use of alcohol and cigarettes in movies may be a leading cause of their using these drugs as teenagers," he added.

But watching a single R-rated movie is unlikely to scar a child for life, he said.

Furthermore, parents might choose to take their children

to certain R-rated movies. He said he watched "Whale Rider," which was rated "R" for a drug reference and a small amount of offensive language, with his children.

The Army, which seldom hesitates to tell soldiers how to act and dress in and out of uniform, takes a hands-off approach when it comes to soldiers' parental responsibilities.

Tammy Rickets, family advocacy program manager for U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr, said it's up to military parents to decide what their kids watch. The family advocacy program does not tell them not to take children to R-rated movies, she said.

When asked if parents should be taking their children to a film that depicts rape, nudity and graphic murder, Rickets said, "We will say, 'Is that a good choice for your children?'"

"It is not our role to condemn parents. There are possibly lots of reasons why that could happen and why they would take their children to the movies. They (parents) are able to make the choices that they have in mind for their children. That's something we don't get into."

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Courtesy of Rogue Pictures

Image from "The Last House on the Left," a horror film with an R rating that recently played at the Tower Theater in Grafenwöhr, Germany.

## DODEA to decide on teacher cuts after 2009-2010 year

By JEFF SCHOGOL  
AND DAVID CARTER  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Don't expect an imminent decision on whether middle school teachers will be cut in Defense Department schools.

In May, an uproar ensued after the Federal Education Association gave Stars and Stripes internal documents that appeared to show the Department of Defense Education Activity planned to cut 350 middle school teachers.

But DODEA Director Shirley Miles said at the time the documents were only proposed changes and DODEA had no plans to cut that many middle school teachers.

A middle school task force will meet three or four times during the 2009-2010 school year to look

at a variety of issues, including staffing and the pupil-to-teacher ratio, said DODEA spokeswoman Elaine Kanellis. She said recommendations aren't likely until after next school year.

"Right now, it is premature to pin an exact number on the middle school PTR until the task group has completed its work and submitted its recommendations to Dr. Miles, who will make the final decision," Kanellis said Tuesday.

Miles has proposed increasing the middle school pupil-to-teacher ratio from 22.4:1 to 25:1 to make class sizes more consistent DODEA-wide.

In an interview with Stripes, Miles appeared to say that DODEA was looking into increasing middle school class sizes to free up positions for the elementary level, specifically

kindergarten, where the pupil-to-teacher ratio is 29:1.

But Kanellis said middle school staffing and kindergarten class sizes are two separate issues.

"We are supporting the addition of 19 kindergarten teachers for school year 2009-2010 with slots that we have available now," she said. "They are not being resourced with slots from middle schools."

"We cannot resource the addition of 19 kindergarten teachers for school year 2009-2010 with slots from middle school because we don't know what the recommendations from the task group are yet, and we have not made a decision and will not make a decision on middle school staffing until school year 2009-2010 is completed."

Meanwhile, the FEA has advised members not to talk to

Stripes about any concerns they have about DODEA.

"We've asked people to let the association do the talking for them just so that — to avoid any possibility of any retaliation from management for speaking to the Stars and Stripes," said Michael Priser, president of the teachers union.

Priser said the move is advice, not a gag order.

Kanellis would not respond to Priser's comments, explaining she had not seen the guidance FEA had given its members.

Despite that guidance, a middle school teacher at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, who wished to remain unnamed, expressed her objection to increasing the size of middle school classes.

"I've been searching and scouring the Internet for any kind of data that would uphold any kind

of cuts in the middle school arena and I can't find any," she said. "There's no evidence that this is going to be good for kids."

The teacher informed Stripes 15 minutes before her interview that the teachers' union advised her not to give her name, saying it could potentially affect her career.

Several recent e-mails and calls to Stripes also expressed concern about speaking out.

However, Thomas Amend, a middle school teacher at Yokosuka, said in a letter to the editor published Thursday: "I am saying here and now that the proposed staff changes by Miles are, to the extent I understand them, ill-advised."

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# First Gitmo detainee lands in U.S. for trial

By DEVLIN BARRETT  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. authorities have brought the first Guantanamo Bay detainee to the United States, flying him into New York to face trial for bombing U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

The department said Ahmed Ghailani arrived in the early morning hours Tuesday. U.S. Marshals took custody of Ghailani from his military jailers and

brought him to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan. Ghailani is scheduled to appear in Manhattan federal court before Judge Loretta Preska later Tuesday.

"With his appearance in federal court today, Ahmed Ghailani is being held accountable for his alleged role in the bombing of U.S. Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya and the murder of 224 people," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a news release. Ghailani's trial will be an important test case for President

Barack Obama's plan to close the detention center at Guantanamo in seven months and bring some of the suspects to trial.

The move was criticized by House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, who called it "the first step in the Democrats' plan to import terrorists into America."

Ghailani was indicted in 1998 for the al-Qaida bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, attacks which killed more than 224 people, including 12 Americans.

U.S. officials charge Ghailani began his terrorist career on a bicycle delivering bomb parts and rose through the al-Qaida ranks to become a bodyguard to Osama bin Laden.

Ghailani, a Tanzanian, was in his 20s when prosecutors say he helped terrorists build one of the bombs that destroyed U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998.

He left Africa just before the bombings, according to investigators.

After the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings at U.S. embassies in Nairobi

and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Ghailani worked for al-Qaida as a document forger, trainer at a terror camp and bodyguard to bin Laden, according to military prosecutors.

He was categorized as a high-value detainee by U.S. authorities after he was captured in Pakistan in 2004 and was transferred to the detention center at the U.S. naval base in Cuba two years later.

Since his capture, Ghailani has denied knowing that the TNT and oxygen tanks he delivered would be used to make a bomb.

## Alleged hacker asks court to halt extradition

LONDON — A British man accused of hacking into U.S. military computers is asking a court to halt his extradition to the United States.

Prosecutors allege that Gary McKinnon broke into 97 computers belonging to NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense and the military soon after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. McKinnon says he was looking for evidence of UFOs.

Lawyers for McKinnon, 42, say he has been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome and could be at risk of psychosis or suicide if sent to the U.S. to face computer fraud charges.

## Airman charged with child enticement

CONCORD, Mass. — Bail has been set at \$10,000 for an Air Force member accused of traveling from Georgia to meet with a 14-year-old Massachusetts girl.

Prosecutors said Airman Christopher Stevens, 19, picked up the girl outside her home Friday night and was with the alleged victim when he was arrested later in the evening at a Concord hotel.

He was arraigned Monday on a child enticement charge.

Prosecutors said Stevens — who's stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia — first met the girl on Facebook.

## USS Greenville headed back to Hawaii

HONOLULU — The USS Greenville, which was involved in a fatal collision with a Japanese fishing vessel in 2001, is headed back to its home port in Pearl Harbor after a year of upgrades.

The submarine left the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine on Thursday.

## Navy reports 24 swine flu cases on Iwo Jima

NORFOLK, Va. — The Navy is reporting 24 cases of swine flu on board the USS Iwo Jima.

Navy spokesman Cmd. Cappy Surette says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the first case on May 27. The amphibious assault ship left New York on May 26 after participating in Fleet Week.

Surette says the cases were mild.

From The Associated Press

# Naval Academy accepts more minorities

By CHILDS WALKER  
The Baltimore Sun

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Three weeks before they will induct a fresh batch of plebes, officials at the U.S. Naval Academy expect their Class of 2013 to include far more minorities than any class in the institution's 164-year history.

The class of about 1,200 will include 435 minorities, up 33 percent from the previous year's class, which had the most minorities until now, according to figures unveiled Monday at the academy's Board of Visitors meeting.

The academy received 57 percent more applications from minorities than in the previous year, part of a 41-percent increase in overall applications.

Vice Adm. Jeffrey Fowler, the academy's superintendent, attributed the rise largely to intensified recruiting efforts in areas that traditionally have sent few applicants to the academy. Fowler cited a new graphic novel about the academy experience, a science, math and technology camp for middle-schoolers and the academy's summer seminar for prospective applicants as examples of more innovative marketing.

"This is an effort that has been going on for years, but the results are really starting to pick up," Fowler told the board. "If the academy looks more like America, it's in all of our interests."

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, D-Md., a board member, praised the academy's determination to "tear down every wall" and find stu-

1,200 total plebes  
435 minorities  
176 Hispanics  
124 blacks  
57 percent increase in minority applicants

dents that remind him of himself.

"You're looking for me," he said, alluding to his ascent from a humble background. "And I want to thank you for going out and finding me."

Cummings said he has invited academy officials to a congressional hearing so they can provide advice to the U.S. Coast Guard

Academy, where minority recruitment has lagged.

The recession is probably a factor in the application boom, because the academy can offer technological training and job security that are hard to come by in the private sector. But the increases in total and minority applications are well ahead of those at other service academies.

"So in our unscientific approach, we take that to mean that the economy wasn't that significant a factor in our increase," Dean of Admissions Stephen B. Latta said.

Latta arrived in November 2006 and said he was disturbed at the academy's inability to recruit in minority-rich areas. He said that only 44 applications had come from all of New York City the previous year and that only a handful of those were from minorities.

"I didn't feel we were reaching the people we needed to reach," he said. In the two years since, academy recruiters have reached out to more schools and sought the attention of students as early as middle school.

The numbers certainly have changed. The Class of 2013 is expected to include 124 blacks and 176 Hispanics. By comparison, the recently graduated Class of 2009 included 53 blacks and 99 Hispanics.

Lt. Jeanine Benjamin, a 2003 academy graduate who spearheads minority recruitment, said she never passes up an opportunity to promote her alma mater to possible applicants.

"If I see a 6-year-old on the side of the road," she said, "I'm going to talk to him about the opportunities at the Naval Academy."

# Army report: Detainee rules were ignored at Bagram

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — There is a "conflict between obtaining accurate, timely information and treating detainees humanely," concluded the Army colonel overseeing the initial investigation of the December 2002 deaths of two Afghan detainees at the Bagram air base detention facility in Afghanistan.

The report shows how dozens of senior and junior Army officers and enlisted men at Bagram, facing the post-Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist threat and under pressure to get information, ignored or directly violated interrogation elements in the Army Field Manual then in effect. That manual said the U.S. government did not authorize or condone the use of force, mental torture, threats, insults or inhu-

mane treatment of any kind.

The 2004 report, more than 1,000 pages, offers an important lesson for today: When the rules don't seem to get results, people tend to ignore them.

When asked where the techniques being used at Bagram

came from, a lieutenant colonel told investigators that Army Field Manual 34-52, then in effect, "contained 'approaches' which were very vague."

However, the former Joint Task Force intelligence operations officer, who was at Bagram when

the events took place, told investigators he contributed to and reviewed an August 2002 Joint Task Force standard operating procedure (SOP) paper for the interrogation facility. It "was constantly under revision," the former operations officer said.

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# Influence: Iraqis adapt culture, language

## INFLUENCE, FROM PAGE 1

But the whispers may linger just as long: The far quieter way in which two cultures that often found it difficult to share the same space intersected to reshape Iraq's language, culture and sensibility. From tattoos of Metallica to bellybutton piercings to stories parents tell their naughty children in Fallujah of the Americans coming to get them, the occupation has already left its mark.

There is the bellicose language of the checkpoint: "Go" and "Stop" (often rendered as "stob" in a language with no "p"), along with a string of American expletives that Iraqi children imitate with zeal. In parks along the Tigris River, they play "tafteesh," Arabic for inspection. Iraqi troops, sometimes indistinguishable from their U.S. counterparts, don the sunglasses considered effeminate in the time of Saddam Hussein.

"It's inevitable that they're going to leave a trace on us after they depart," said Yahya Hussein, a soccer coach in Baghdad's Karrada neighborhood, where his family history stretches back 11 generations. As Hussein strolled the neighborhood's main thoroughfare, he spoke with the authority of experience.

"All this," he said, pointing at a kiosk, "came after the occupation."

Rickety stands overflowed

with goods. Toy guns emblazoned with the moniker "Super Police" sat next to imitation handcuffs and walkie-talkies. A doll with fatigues and dog tags carried an M-16 rifle; with a squeeze of its hand, Queen's "We Will Rock You" belted out to a street speaking Arabic.

"These are the times," Hussein said.

### 'What are they leaving behind?'

Iraq remains a proud country, its people bridle at what they see as the condescension inherent in the United States' modern-day equivalent of a civilizing mission.

In the wake of Saddam's 2003 fall, many Iraqis, however suspicious, were willing to give the Americans the benefit of the doubt. Now, many blame them for everything from sectarian strife to Baghdad's disrepair.

"What are they leaving behind?" asked Mohammed Chayan, 45, a painter sitting with friends at the Madarat Cafe and Gallery. "There's never really been interaction with society. ... When they came to visit, it wasn't artists who showed up. It was soldiers coming down from their tanks."

"They were isolated," admitted Mohammed Rasim Kasim, a filmmaker and photographer. But, he said, "I have to disagree with my colleague."

"I'm not defending their presence, but that's not all it was. We

have to be honest," Kasim said. "We paid a very high price, but it was the price of freedom."

"We haven't seen a bright side," Chayan said, disagreeing. "Well, there's no bright side to colonization ... but the Americans could have left something positive behind. What makes me sad, whenever I go, whenever I go, I just see remains of destruction."

### A history of borrowed words

The British entered Baghdad in 1917 to end Ottoman rule, with the same pledge the Americans would make. "Our armies do not come into your cities and lands as conquerors or enemies, but as liberators," proclaimed Maj. Gen. Sir Stanley Maude. Like the Americans, the British faced a revolt, in 1920, led by a segment of the population that had grown resentful at the heavy-handedness of a foreign army.

British rule lasted until 1932; its waning influence ended with the 1958 fall of the Hashemite monarchy.

Words borrowed from the British still litter Iraqi Arabic. Iraqis nicknamed their British occupiers Abu Naji. There remains no equivalent for the Americans, but a slew of words describe those who imitate them. The older term for someone becoming more American than Americans was *mitamrik*, or Americanized. More conservative types here call such

people *khanazeer* or *quruud*, "pigs" or "monkeys." One student at the Academy of Fine Arts coined another name: "Am-raqis."

Citing songs by 50 Cent and Metallica conveys a certain hipness. So do tattoos. Mark Apram, Baghdad's most popular tattoo artist, charges \$50 for his work. A wall in his cramped apartment bears the words "Havee Matel Mark" over his painting of a devil with pitchfork.

"Anything American, I love it," said Apram, 29, who is inspired by the Internet and by designs he saw on U.S. soldiers' arms. As he sees it, his success is a legacy of the presence of tens of thousands of American troops in his country. "They're the origin of all of it," he said. "They're teaching us how to act."

### Iraqi military feels the change

The military aesthetic may prove to be this occupation's most lasting cultural artifact. "Hummer" has entered Iraqi dialect as the word for the Humvee armored jeeps. "Buffalo" is the word for MRAPs, the hulking Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

Other words and phrases have been picked up from soldiers at checkpoints or conducting house raids or foot patrols: "Relax," "Please," "Sorry," "No problem," "Oh, my God," "Give me five." Almost any youth can hurl a string of American expletives whose



NADA BAKRI/The Washington Post

**U.S. influence on the Iraqi military lexicon is clear. Badges, such as those seen here in Baghdad, that once were uniformly Arabic now almost always have an English component.**

Arabic equivalent would earn them a slap.

Iraqi soldiers are now sometimes indistinguishable from their American counterparts, with desert camouflage and sunglasses. The black leather boots of Saddam's era have given way to a khaki suede variety. Holsters have gone from the hip to the thigh. No one was seen with a flak jacket before the invasion. Nor did anyone roll up their sleeves or tuck their pants into their boots.

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## IN THE STATES

## CIA makes case to keep files secret

By R. JEFFREY SMITH  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration objected Monday to the release of certain Bush-era documents that detail the videotaped interrogations of CIA detainees at secret prisons, arguing to a federal judge that doing so would endanger national security and benefit al-Qaida's recruitment efforts.

In an affidavit, CIA Director Leon Panetta defended the classification of records describing the contents of the 92 videotapes, their destruction by the CIA in 2005 and what he called "sensitive operational information" about the interrogations.

The forced disclosure of such material to the American Civil Liberties Union "could be expected to result in exceptionally grave damage to the national security by informing our enemies of what we knew about them, and when, and in some instances, how

## Documents describe proceedings in official detainee interrogations

we obtained the intelligence we possessed," Panetta argued.

He also said none of the 65 CIA documents immediately at issue should be released. He asked U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein to draw a legal distinction between the administration's release in April of Justice Department memos authorizing the harsh interrogations and the CIA's desire to keep classified its own documents detailing the specific handling of detainees at its secret facilities overseas.

He said that while the Justice Department memos discussed harsh interrogation "in the abstract," the CIA information was "of a qualitatively different nature" because it described the interrogation techniques "as ap-

plied in actual operations."

The "disclosure of explicit details of specific interrogations" would provide al-Qaida "with propaganda it could use to recruit and raise funds," Panetta said, describing the information at issue as "ready-made ammunition."

Jameel Jaffer, director of the ACLU's national security program, said Monday evening that it is "grim" and "troubling" for the Obama administration to say that information about purported abuses might fuel anti-American propaganda. He said that amounts to an assertion that "the greater the abuse, the more important it is that it should remain secret."

Hellerstein has repeatedly denied CIA motions demanding that the case be dismissed, but has not

declared the agency in contempt. Instead, he ordered the CIA to surrender some of the records and provide details of others it is withholding; the agency has responded by giving the documents to the court under seal.

In total, the CIA has said that 580 documents are related to the ACLU's 2007 request.

In two exhibits given to the court along with Panetta's affidavit, the CIA said the material that must be withheld includes a photograph of Zayn al-Abidin Muhammed Hussein, the first detainee that the CIA believed to be of high value; a lengthy handwritten summary of notes taken after reviewing the videotapes; a five-page account by a CIA lawyer detailing the agency's policy and legal guidance about the destruction of the videotapes; an e-mail to CIA managers summarizing the opinions of others about the tapes; and a series of e-mails discussing what the CIA should say publicly about the destruction.

## Termination of Chrysler dealers OK'd

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy judge on Tuesday approved Chrysler's plan to terminate 789 of its dealer franchises, while the automaker's plan to partner with Italy's Fiat hinged on the Supreme Court's interest and both automakers warned that the deal could fall apart if it's not completed soon.

U.S. Judge Arthur Gonzalez issued an order Tuesday afternoon saying the franchises, which represent about 25 percent of the company's dealer base, can no longer act as authorized Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealers, effective immediately. A written ruling explaining the decision was expected to be filed later.

In a brief filed with the Supreme Court Tuesday afternoon, Chrysler and Fiat warned that the deal will terminate if it does not close by June 15.

## Apple's popular gadgets get cheaper

By JORDAN ROBERTSON  
AND JESSICA MINTZ  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc. slashed the entry price for an iPhone in half and lowered some laptops by \$300 Monday, the company's first dramatic price cuts since the recession began a year and a half ago.

With co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs absent until his medical leave is over at the end of June, Apple's biggest unveiling at its annual conference for software developers was a new model of the iPhone, the 3G S. It looks the same but sports a faster processor, longer battery life, an internal compass, a video camera and a photo camera with better resolution and auto-focus.

A 16-gigabyte version of the 3G S will cost \$199 and a 32-gigabyte version will be \$299.

The 8-gigabyte iPhone 3G, which came out last year, now

costs \$99, instead of \$199. When the iPhone debuted two years ago, eager Apple fans had to shell out \$499 for a 4-gigabyte version and \$599 for 8 gigs.

The latest iPhones go on sale June 19, just as two-year contracts for the buyers of the original models are expiring and Apple faces tougher competition from the likes of Research In Motion Ltd. and Palm Inc. On Saturday, Palm came out with a well-regarded iPhone rival, the \$200 Pre.

For its MacBook line, Apple showed off new laptops that boast longer battery life and faster processors. The company rolled out a new 13-inch MacBook Pro that starts at \$1,200 and a 15-inch MacBook Pro that starts at \$1,700.

Apple also is trying to steal share in the computer market by enhancing its Mac operating system. The next version, Snow Leopard, comes out in September, before Microsoft Corp.'s next edition of Windows hits PCs Oct. 22.



JEFF CHIU/AP

**Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president for worldwide product marketing, stands under a photograph of the camera lens on the new Apple iPhone 3G S in San Francisco on Monday. The new iPhone has an upgraded camera that will let users select focus with the touch of a finger.**

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## IN THE WORLD

# 5 dead in blast at hotel in Pakistan

The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Suicide attackers in a truck launched an assault Tuesday on a luxury hotel commonly used by foreigners in Peshawar, firing guns as they stormed past guards and then setting off a huge blast that killed at least five people and wounded 65 more, Pakistani officials said.

No one immediately claimed



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

**Wounded Pakistani men are seen after suicide attackers set off a huge explosion at a hotel in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Tuesday.**

responsibility for the attack in the largest city in Pakistan's restive northwest, but it fit the pattern of recent attacks the Taliban said it launched in retaliation for a military campaign against militants in the Swat Valley region.

Television footage showed part of the Pearl Continental Hotel had been demolished in the blast, reduced to concrete rubble and twisted steel. The scene was pandemonium, with armed police

rushing around and Pakistani men standing by looking stunned. One man held a bloodied rag to his head.

An AP reporter saw six foreigners being helped out of the hotel. They all had wounds and at least two of them had bandaged heads. One said, "We work for UNHCR," referring to the U.N.'s refugee organization. He also said officials from U.N.'s World Food Program were staying at the hotel.

# Airlines replace suspect monitors

The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Air France and other airlines moved Tuesday to replace speed monitors suspected of feeding false information to the computers of Flight 447 and leading to a series of failures that broke the plane apart over the Atlantic Ocean.

Four more bodies were pulled from the sea, and helicopters began ferrying other remains to shore. A total of 28 bodies have been recovered; 200 others have yet to be found. Soldiers and medical personnel carried off the remains in body bags. They will be flown to Recife, where experts will try to identify them using DNA and photos.

Identifying the bodies, looking at where they were seated on the plane and studying their injuries could provide clues to causes of the May 31 disaster, according to

Peter Goelz, a former managing director of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators have been focusing on the possibility that external speed monitors — called Pitot tubes — iced over and gave false readings to the plane's computers in a thunderstorm. The tubes are heated to prevent icing. The pressure of air entering the tubes lets sensors measure the speed and angle of flight. A malfunctioning tube could mislead computers controlling the plane to dangerously accelerate or decelerate.

Air France said it began replacing the Pitot tubes on its A330 and A340 jets in May after pilots reported several incidents of icing leading to a loss of airspeed data. On Tuesday, the airline said none of its A330s or A340s would fly without at least two of the new instruments, and that all will have all three Pitots replaced by July.

## U.N.: 100,000 have fled their homes in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somalis are experiencing near-daily atrocities, including rape, the shelling of civilian areas and fighting that has forced more than 100,000

to flee their homes since May, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday.

A surge of violence in Somalia since last month has killed about 200 people as Islamist insurgents battle the government and its allies. Insurgents are trying to topple the Western-backed government and

install a strict Islamic state.

"It's a critical humanitarian situation, with regular atrocities being committed," UNHCR spokesman William Spindler told reporters in Geneva. "We are particularly concerned about how the fighting is affecting a population that has already endured

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Somalia has not had a functioning government since 1991, and the U.S. worries that Somalia could be a terrorist breeding ground.

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# WIRED WORLD

## Does the nation need a smarter power grid?

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Press

WASHINGTON — Thomas Alva Edison, meet the Internet.

More than a century after Edison invented a reliable light bulb, the nation's electricity distribution system — an aging spider web of power lines — is poised to move into the digital age.

The "smart grid" has become the buzz of the electric power industry, at the White House and among members of Congress. President Barack Obama said it's essential to boost development of wind and solar power, get people to use less energy and to tackle climate change.

What smart grid visionaries see coming are home thermostats and appliances that adjust automatically depending on the cost of power; where a water heater may get juice from a neighbor's rooftop solar panel; and where on a scorching hot day a plug-in hybrid electric car charges one minute and the next sends electricity back to the grid to help head off a brownout.

It is where utilities get instant feedback on a transformer outage, shift easily among energy sources, integrating wind and solar energy with electricity from coal-burning power plants, and go into homes and businesses to automatically adjust power use based on prearranged agreements.

"It's the marriage of information technology and automation technology with the existing electricity network. This is the energy Internet," said Bob Gilligan, vice president for transmission at GE Energy, which is aggressively pursuing smart grid development.

"There are going to be applications 10 years from now that you and I have no idea that we're going to want or need or think are essential to our lives."

Hundreds of technology companies and almost every major electric utility company see smart grid as the future. That interest got a boost with the availability of \$4.5 billion in federal economic recovery money for smart grid technology.

But smart grid won't be cheap; cost estimates run as high as \$75 billion. Who's going to pay the bill? Will consumers get the payback they are promised?

The hundreds of thousands of miles of power lines that crisscross the country have been compared to a river flowing down a hill: an inefficient one-way movement of electrons from power plant to consumer.

"The heart of a smart grid is to make the grid more flexible, to more easily control the flow of electrons, and make it more efficient and reliable," said Greg Scheu, head of the power production division at ABB North America, a leading grid technology provider.

Florida Power & Light is planning to provide smart meters covering 1 million homes and businesses in the Miami area over the next two years in a \$200 million project. Smart meters are being distributed by utilities from California to Delaware's Delmarva Peninsula.

"We've got about 70 [smart grid] pilots all over the country right now," said Mike Oldak, an

expert on smart grid at the Edison Electric Institute, which represents investor-owned power companies.

An Energy Department study projects energy savings of 5 percent to 15 percent from smart grid.

"This pays for itself through efficiency and demand reduction, and if you don't look at it from that perspective you won't get your money back," said Thomas Standish, group president for regulated operations at Center Power Energy.

Energy Secretary Steven Chu, said the current grid stands in the

way of increasing the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar that "will need a system that can dispatch power here, there and everywhere on a very quick basis."

But Chu and others also worry about security. "If you want to create mischief one very good way to create a great deal of mischief is to actually bring down a smart grid system. This system has to be incredibly secure."

And there is the issue of intrusion.

"Is the average consumer willing to pay the up-front costs of a new system and then respond appropriately to price signals? Or will people view a utility's ability to reach inside a home to turn down a thermostat as Orwellian?" Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said at a recent hearing on smart grid.

**\$4.5 billion**  
the amount  
of stimulus  
money granted  
to smart grid  
technology

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of getting the  
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## FACES

## 'Hangover' downs 'Up' in surprise reversal of weekend's box office projections

**H**ollywood had a bigger hangover this weekend than expected. The Warner Bros. comedy "The Hangover" drew larger audiences than earlier projected to raise its weekend ticket sales to \$45 million, about \$1.8 million more than the studio estimated Sunday.

That made it the No. 1 draw for the weekend instead of Disney and Pixar Animation's "Up," which came in second with \$44.1 million. Sunday studio estimates had "Up" edging "The Hangover" by about \$1 million.

It's rare that the first- and second-place

movies on Sunday flip-flop when final numbers come out Monday. But strong attendance Sunday allowed "The Hangover" to pull ahead.

## Doherty fined in drug case

British singer Pete Doherty was fined by Geneva police for heroin consumption during a flight from London, authorities said Monday.

The 30-year-old rocker was picked up by officers after the British Airways flight landed Friday, and held for two hours, police spokesman Jean-Philippe Brandt

said Monday. Doherty then paid the fine and was released.

Brandt said Doherty was tested for heroin consumption, confirming a report in the Swiss tabloid *Le Matin*. But police declined to confirm the newspaper's report that Doherty was discovered by an air hostess collapsed in a toilet, with a used syringe nearby.

## DMX avoids more jail time

Rapper DMX will not have to serve any more jail time in Arizona despite his guilty plea for throwing a food tray at a

jail officer. The rapper, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was sentenced Monday to supervised probation by Maricopa County Superior Court.

Authorities say that while Simmons was jailed for an earlier offense, he took a meal from a tray and threw the food when told he couldn't have it. Simmons pleaded guilty in May to attempted aggravated assault in the incident.

Simmons had been serving a sentence after pleading guilty to felony charges of theft, drug possession and a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty.

— The Associated Press

## POISON &amp; PAIN



Bret Michaels, right, and C.C. DeVille of the band Poison perform with the cast of "Rock of Ages" at the 63rd Annual Tony Awards in New York on Sunday. Michaels, star of the reality show "Rock of Love," took to the stage with his hair-metal band Poison during the telecast's opening production number. As Michaels exited the stage, a descending set piece smacked him on the head and knocked him — splat! — to the ground. Tonys spokeswoman Christina Stejskal says the rocker "missed his mark."

Publicist Joann Mignano says Michael fractured his nose and had to get three stitches in his lip. She says he was getting a CAT scan on Monday as a precaution, as he's had a past neck injury. Although he's "pretty bruised up," Mignano says, Michaels was in good spirits.

— The Associated Press

## 100TH PERFORMANCE



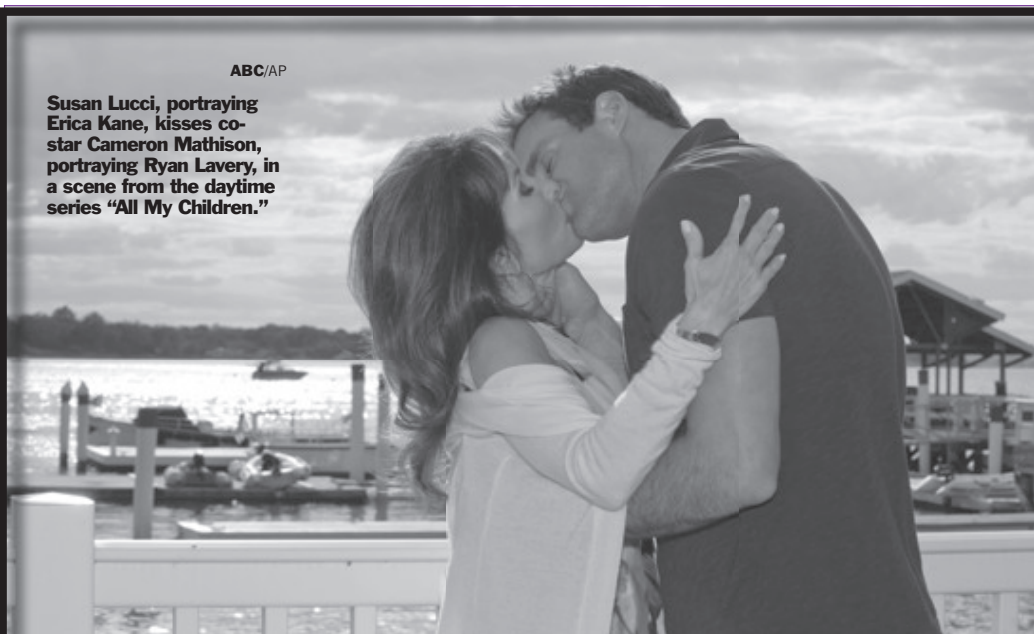
Bette Midler, 63, sings during the 100th performance of "The Showgirl Must Go On" at The Colosseum inside Caesars Palace on Sunday in Las Vegas. In a recent interview, Midler said focus was the key to keeping her song-and-sass act from "becoming a little like 'Groundhog Day,' not a lot like 'Groundhog Day,' but a little."

"I have to be in a concentrated place. Otherwise, I forget what I'm doing there," said Midler.

— The Associated Press

ABC/AP

Susan Lucci, portraying Erica Kane, kisses co-star Cameron Mathison, portraying Ryan Lavery, in a scene from the daytime series "All My Children."



**S**usan Lucci's memorable "All My Children" character is about to become TV's Ultimate Cougar.

The conniving Erica Kane, with 10 husbands down already, will fall into the arms of a much younger man on ABC's soap opera this summer. To make life a little more complicated, it's her daughter's ex-husband and ex-fiance's stepson.

Got that straight?

The soap opera's summer story line puts Lucci squarely into television's zeitgeist, now buzzing with stories about experienced women looking for younger models — as opposed to old men looking for models. ABC is prepping the comedy "Cougar Town" for the fall, with former "Friends" star Courteney Cox re-entering the dating world. On CBS' "Accidentally on Purpose," Jenna Elfman has a baby with a slacker she picked up for a one-night stand.

"Certainly the fact that it is a hot topic right now makes it all that more delicious for us," said "All My Children" executive producer Julie Hanan Carruthers. "It doesn't mean that that is how we're going to tell the story."

And it's hard to find a TV character with a richer history. Kane has lived a lot since arriving in fictional Pine Valley in 1970, with a drug addiction, time in prison, a stolen embryo, a rape that resulted in a daughter, a stabbing of Husband No. 8 and many, many manipulations. She reached double figures in husbands just two years ago.

While Demi Moore may seem the prototype cougar these days, Lucci's frame of reference leads her to Anne Bancroft's Mrs. Robinson and her famous

# RAWR!

## Erica Kane becoming TV's ultimate cougar

seduction of Dustin Hoffman in "The Graduate."

In the relationship with Ryan Lavery, "I'm sure people would expect it to be the kind of story line where Erica was manipulating things," Lucci said. "But there's been zero of that."

Those involved say the idea came from the audience. Carruthers said

Lucci, 62, and the 39-year-old Cameron Mathison, who plays Ryan, have a good comic chemistry and writers were looking for a way to feature them more, although not necessarily as romantic partners.

Erica and Ryan went on a business trip together in episodes early this spring. Their car broke down, they found a cabin in the woods, they drew separate baths and, when Erica climbed on Ryan's shoulders searching for better cell phone reception, she slipped and fell into his arms.

Zing!

Viewers noticed the chemistry and writers decided to capitalize on it. Carruthers said she believes the story will mean more to viewers than other TV cougar stories simply because it's been nearly 40 years of Lucci's character. "Everyone watching the show has a sense of her vulnerability, her strength, her eccentricities," she said. "They've gotten to know Ryan just as well. So there's a lot more to it than just, 'oh, my God she wants a younger man' or 'oh, my God, he wants an older woman.'"

After those first pecks on the cheek, how much longer until the Big Moment?

"Make 'em wait, make 'em wait, make 'em wait," Carruthers said. "There are a lot of almos."

— David Bauder/The Associated Press

# Tips to secure jobless benefits

Prime rate .....	3.25
Discount rate .....	0.50
Federal funds market rate .....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill .....	0.18
30-year bond .....	4.62

Sources: Bank of America. The Associated Press.

"People are saying screw it, and they're leaving companies," Logan said. "We need to figure out how to make companies work better for everybody. Until that happens ... early retirements and furloughs are going to continue. People are going to opt out of the system."



# Acid attack in Hong Kong district injures 24

By DIKKY SINN  
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — An unidentified assailant hurled acid in a busy Hong Kong shopping district, injuring 24 pedestrians including a 4-year-old girl, police said Tuesday. It was the third in a series of acid attacks that have hurt some 100 people.

Police said a bottle of corrosive liquid was thrown on a crowd in the Mong Kok district on Monday night. None of the victims, aged 4 to 49, was seriously burned.

Hong Kong leader Donald Tsang condemned the attack, saying it was "cold-blooded and evil" and the assailant was "scum of the society." Investigators have posted a reward for information leading to an arrest.

Police were reviewing footage from surveillance

cameras for clues about who was behind the third such attack in the neighborhood in six months.

On the same street last month, 30 people suffered burns when two plastic bottles filled with acid were thrown down into a crowd. Forty-six others were injured in a similar attack in that neighborhood in December.

"I thought the attack would be stopped, but it happened again," one of the victims surnamed Leung was quoted as saying in Hong Kong's Ming Pao Daily News. "I always go to Mong Kok, but from now on I'll never go to that area again."

Police superintendent Edward Leung was quoted in the South China Morning Post as saying that it was possible the same person had carried out all three attacks.

Leung said in a radio interview Tuesday that officers were reviewing surveillance footage.



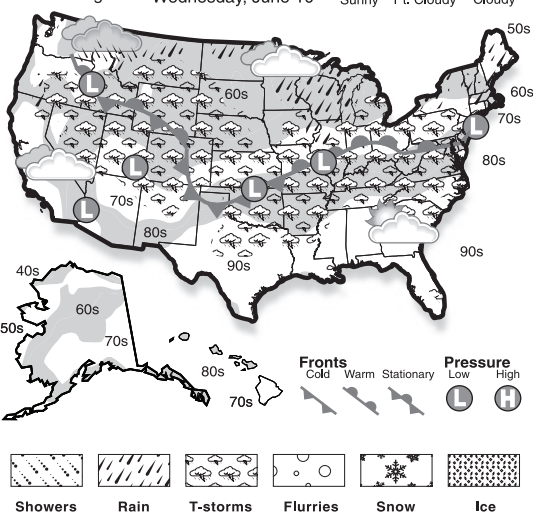
WEI WING HONG, MING PAO/AP

Victims of an acid attack receive medical treatment on a roadside in Hong Kong's Mong Kok district. No suspect has been identified.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, June 10



### Strong Storms Develop Over Northeast And Central US

A storm system will trek through the Central US, triggering strong to severe weather from the Southern Plains to the Ohio Valley. An exiting low will spur storms across the Northeast, while waves of low pressure instigate mountain storms across the West.

Weather Underground • AP

### Yesterday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 58 28 pc
Amsterdam, 64 44 rn	Lima, 65 60 cdy
Athens, 93 62 clr	Lisbon, 71 62 rn
Auckland, 55 42 pc	London, 65 47 pc
Baghdad, 102 75 pc	Madrid, 68 53 rn
Basra, 118 85 clr	Managua, 89 77 pc
Bahrain, 102 86 clr	Manila, 87 77 rn
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Brisbane, 71 47 clr	Osaka, 80 64 pc
Brussels, 64 48 rn	Oslo, 57 45 rn
Bucharest, 76 58 rn	Panama, 89 77 pc
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Calgary, 53 31 pc	Prague, 70 50 clr
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Dhaka, 93 80 cdy	San Juan, 90 78 clr
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Jerusalem, 86 66 clr	Turin, 72 57 rn
Johannesburg, 56 46 rn	Toronto, 60 53 rn
Kabul, 78 53 clr	Tunis, 87 66 clr
Kiev, 78 60 rn	Valletta, 85 64 clr
Kuala Lumpur, 94 78 pc	Vancouver, 71 57 cdy
Kuwait, 105 78 clr	Vienna, 75 49 pc
	Warsaw, 73 49 rn
	Zurich, 71 46 rn

## THURSDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

### Yesterday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 63 45 .17 cdy	Erie 77 66 .03 cdy	Jacksonville 85 69 .02 cdy	Montgomery 93 67 cdy	Richmond 88 70 rn	Spokane 61 44 .09 cdy
Abilene, Tex. 94 71 .63 cdy	Charleston, S.C. 84 69 .86 cdy	Eugene 72 49 cdy	Juneau 61 52 cdy	Nashville 87 70 cdy	Roanoke 87 69 cdy	Springfield, Ill. 83 56 .08 cdy
Akron, Ohio 78 67 .06 cdy	Charleston, W.Va. 85 64 .08 rn	Evansville 84 67 cdy	Kansas City 74 56 rn	New Orleans 87 74 .26 clr	Rochester 65 58 .38 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 83 65 .01 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 74 55 .45 rn	Charlotte, N.C. 86 68 cdy	Fairbanks 79 62 cdy	Key West 87 77 cdy	New York City 75 60 1.15 rn	Rockford 79 57 cdy	Syracuse 75 57 .28 rn
Albuquerque 81 60 cdy	Chattanooga 88 67 cdy	Fargo 58 41 .03 cdy	Knoxville 84 68 cdy	Newark 76 62 .46 rn	Sacramento 80 56 cdy	Tallahassee 93 70 clr
Allentown, Pa. 83 63 .42 rn	Cheyenne 60 47 .03 cdy	Flagstaff 64 42 cdy	Lake Charles 89 72 cdy	Norfolk, Va. 84 71 cdy	St. Louis 86 62 .21 cdy	Tampa 87 72 cdy
Amarillo 84 63 cdy	Chicago 80 58 cdy	Flint 69 54 1.76 cdy	Lansing 74 54 .59 cdy	North Platte 69 55 .06 cdy	Toledo 83 61 .03 cdy	Topeka 76 58 rn
Anchorage 64 41 clr	Cincinnati 83 67 cdy	Fort Smith 90 72 cdy	Las Vegas 89 73 cdy	Oklahoma City 88 70 cdy	St. Thomas 86 70 1.11 cdy	Tucson 94 76 clr
Asheville 82 61 1.22 cdy	Cleveland 80 68 .03 cdy	Fort Wayne 83 61 1.21 cdy	Lexington 86 68 cdy	Omaha 67 48 rn	Salem, Ore. 72 50 cdy	Tulsa 87 71 cdy
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Atlantic City 81 64 .06 rn	Columbia, S.C. 89 70 cdy	Goodland 71 57 cdy	Little Rock 88 70 cdy	Paducah 86 65 .71 cdy	San Angelo 96 72 cdy	Waco 95 73 cdy
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Birmingham 87 65 cdy	Dallas-Ft. Worth 94 75 cdy	Greensboro, N.C. 86 67 cdy	Madison 68 53 .01 cdy	Pittsburgh 81 68 .13 cdy	San Juan, P.R. 89 76 .09 rn	Wilkes-Barre 81 65 .59 rn
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Union's threats are empty

Thank you for covering important developments regarding our base school system, particularly the recent staffing and restructuring proposals announced by the new director for Department of Defense Education Activity, Shirley Miles.

You should know, however, that at every meeting of the Federal Education Association teachers' union (FEA) in each Department of Defense Dependents Schools school throughout the Pacific, FEA representatives have urgently warned teachers not to talk to or communicate with Stars and Stripes about Miles' proposals. The union says that any teacher doing so risks being targeted by DODEA management for retaliation and possible dismissal.

I have serious doubts about this claim. So, I offer myself to you as a test case. The proposed staff changes by Miles are, to the extent I understand them, ill-advised. There simply is no accepted educational theory that calls for more students per teacher in DODDS at any level.

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I will not be fired, disciplined or even frowned upon by Miles or any other school manager for my statement to you — and the

teachers' union knows it. That's the other story here and one worth your journalistic time. The FEA is actually very limited in what it can do about any policies announced by DODEA at the top level. That's not a problem as long as the policies are not too controversial. But anything like the ambitious proposals of Miles always presents FEA with an identity crisis. FEA must keep members convinced of the union's "relevance" and just what it is that members are getting for their money. So FEA "warns" that teachers who exercise their First Amendment rights are in "grave professional danger" and that only FEA can safely speak the teachers' minds for them. In reality, FEA is just saying this to frighten teachers into keeping up their dues payments and recruiting new members.

I am a Yokosuka Middle School teacher, a career-long, active member of FEA and even a former district officer of FEA. I think it's fair to say I have a reliable understanding of the FEA.

Thomas Amend

Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan

## Debate shows what's possible in Iran

the prospect of a somewhat more conciliatory Obama administration helps moderates and undercuts Ahmadinejad's demagoguery. Let's hope for the best.

In any case, the debate is instructive. We're used to characterizing the Iranians as radical, hostage-taking, autocratic, anti-Semitic Islamomaniacs. But it's worth noting that a spirited debate in which two different visions of the country emerge is entirely consistent with a democratic tradition in Iran that goes back to before the Revolution of 1905, which was a response to the Shah's sale of the oil concession to the British. A parliament was established and a legitimate constitution was written.

Unfortunately, democracy in Iran was derailed several times — in 1921 by a British-sponsored coup and again by a coup sponsored by the United States in 1953, which kept the autocratic Shah in power until the Islamic revolution of 1979.

This history, however, gives modern Iran a much more nuanced character than we were led to expect when it was described as part of the "Axis of Evil."

In "The Shia Revival," Iran scholar Vali Nasr argues that even since 1979, democracy has been a significant element of Iranian politics, a position supported by the regular success of moderates in regional elections.

Furthermore, Nasr and other experts argue that significant segments of Iranian society are deeply interested in modernity and in a better relationship with the West. He points to the surprising prominence of the Persian language on the Internet and

the fact that Iranians maintain at least 80,000 blogs.

Here's an exercise that provides some insight into modern Iran: Google "universities Iran" and browse the sites that come up. They're in Persian, of course, but nearly all of them provide an English translation, which in itself says something about Iranian interest in the West.

The university campuses are attractive and modern. Take a look at what the professors are studying, teaching, and writing about. They're married and have children and some of them play pingpong and paintball. Some of the professors are even women.

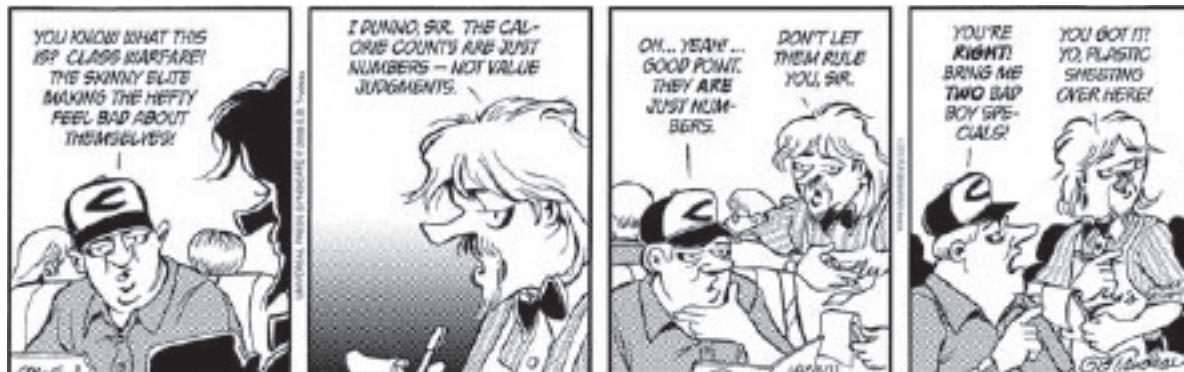
Note that the University of Tehran held its first "World Environment Day" last June, and the volleyball "Olympiad" just ended. The dormitory complex is celebrating the installation of wireless Internet. A new women's studies journal is accepting submissions about women and families. These and other Iranian Web sites look a lot more familiar than foreign.

Let's hope moderation prevails when votes are cast Friday. But however the election turns out, it's important to remember that the ayatollahs and Ahmadinejad don't come close to representing everything about modern Iran. In some respects we have much more in common with Iran than with our friends the Saudis.

The time may be right for rapprochement.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Bells, whistles give way to 'transportation'

By JULES WITCOVER  
Tribune Media Services

WASHINGTON When I was a kid growing up in the pre-Pearl Harbor days, the word that often described the average American family car was "transportation." It meant that the automobile was primarily a way of getting from point A to point B, with few bells and whistles.

After World War II that all changed, as the auto industry cultivated a huge public romance with the look, size and speed of the means of making that same basic journey. The kind of family car you drove became a prime status symbol, with enhanced appearance and design as well as performance.

Big-and-flashy crowded out simple-and-dependable as the all-powerful American car business installed itself as the chief generator of the nation's economy. When GM CEO "Engine Charlie" Wilson, as President Dwight Eisenhower's nominee for secretary of defense, famously proclaimed that what was "good for the country" was "good for General Motors and vice versa," there were few in the financial world who

disagreed with him.

But with the invasion of innovative foreign competitors and the American concept of big-is-better eroding the home industry's commanding position, Engine Charlie's axiom eventually withered away. Exploitative foreign oil prices hastened the erosion as Detroit gas-guzzlers like the SUV continued to roll off the assembly lines, seemingly oblivious to the dire consequences ahead.

The once-unthinkable outcome of General Motors declaring bankruptcy, with Uncle Sam frantically pouring huge financial transfusions into the dying patient, became a reality the other day as Uncle Sam took majority control of its management and risk.

Well, maybe it's time to go back to those days when American cars were looked upon primarily as "transportation." A sign of dim recognition of this need has been seen in the forced decision of GM rival Chrysler Motors to hook up with Fiat of Italy, presumably to turn out more small and energy-efficient cars.

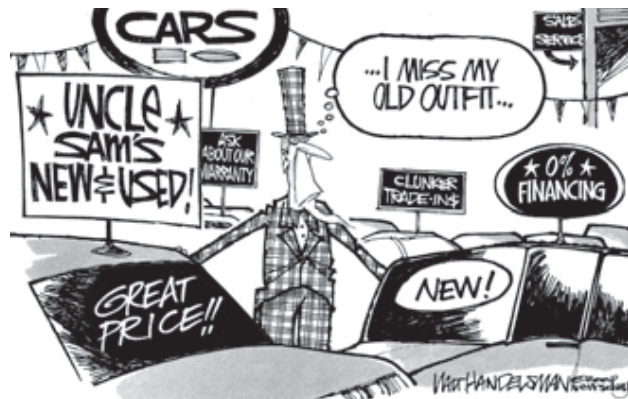
GM and Chrysler, as well as Ford, have all strived in the last few years to make better and more practical vehicles and to

convince American buyers to give them a second chance. But the horrible publicity suffered by two of the Big Three over the last several months has made the plea a particularly hard sell, even to Americans who might be moved by twinges of patriotism to "Buy American" in this trying time.

If the home market for domestic-built cars is to bounce back, it may take more than higher fuel efficiency and smooth road handling to get Americans to buy GM and Chrysler products again. Ironically, given the Main Street USA fascination with bells and whistles — with fancy gadgets that take a lot of the effort (and fun) out of being behind the wheel — they may still be required to compete with the foreign usurpers of the American car market.

It's a dilemma for the "new" managers of the essentially nationalized domestic auto industry, many of whom apparently come from the management corps that was steering the business down a road to nowhere all these years.

No matter what a stumbling industry is, sometimes it takes a radically fresh mind to get the creaking Tin Lizzie out of the ditch. After World War II, to give just one example, little-known



entrepreneur George Romney in Michigan took the skeleton of a failing Nash brand and turned it into American Motors as an upstart against the Big Three. He introduced the concept of the compact car with the downsized Rambler that quickly caught on with low- and middle-income buyers. It was derided by competitors as just "transportation," but it met the existing market hunger.

Romney personally capitalized on the compact-car success by running for governor of Michigan in 1962, was re-elected in 1966

and became the front-runner for the 1968 Republican presidential nomination, until his own candidacy ran out of gas and he lost out to Richard Nixon. The Rambler, like Romney's political fortunes, also was eventually run off the road by the American car owner's romance with size and glitz, provided by the Big Three.

Maybe the U.S. car market needs another Rambler, and another George Romney — the auto innovator, not the politician.

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## Emotions run gamut when a home changes hands

By JOEL SAPPELL

Late last year, on a weekend afternoon, I spotted the husky teenager next door packing boxes in the garage.

I've known the kid, James, since he was 4. He was best friends with my son, Jesse. They were inseparable — "Jesse James" I used to call them. When the two of them weren't having a sleepover at our house, they would be camped out next door, where our little guy developed a taste for home-style Filipino cooking. In fact, our entire families seemed woven together. For years, James' two older sisters had tag-teamed as our baby sitters.

So I asked James, now 18, what was up with all the boxes. He looked at me glumly and said, "We've got three days to get out."

James and his family had lost their home in the Eagle Rock section of Los Angeles to foreclosure. I'm not sure exactly how this happened, but I do know that money had been tight since his dad was laid flat by a heart problem. An older brother, meanwhile, had gotten himself into some bad — and probably costly — legal problems.

The truth is that, as Jesse and James grew older, they also grew distant, finding new friends and interests at different schools. His sisters moved away, and I rarely saw the mom and dad anymore.

But none of that mattered when I saw the sadness in James' face, a look I hadn't seen since those boyhood days of skinned knees and hurt feelings. Instantly, all those foreclosure stories I had been reading meant a whole lot more to me. This wasn't about toxic assets. This was about a struggling family, which, after 14 years, would vanish from the neighborhood in three days.

Week after week, whenever I looked at that padlocked house, I wondered how James and his family were faring in their apartment. And I thought about all the other young people who've been forced to make this wrenching transition — whether or not their folks recklessly gambled on subprime loans or drained their home's

equity for big-screen TVs and big cars, or simply had a run of bad luck. Regardless of the reasons, I had come to see the foreclosure mess as utterly depressing.

Then I met Hilary and Mark. Engaged, the young couple snapped up the house next door at a bargain price from an investment company that had bought it at a foreclosure auction.

"We never thought we'd be able to afford a house in L.A.," says Mark. ...

Both in their early 30s, Hilary and Mark were a revelation, a ray of sunlight in the foreclosure storm. Yes, a door has slammed shut on many unfortunate homeowners. But another has been flung open for thousands of first-time buyers like Hilary and Mark, who had been locked out of the housing market by soaring prices.

The latest survey by the National Association of Realtors found that, in the first quarter of this year, first-time buyers accounted for nearly half of all purchases. Hilary and Mark say most of their apartment-dwelling friends are now searching, including one couple that has asked wedding guests for one gift: a contribution to a

house fund.

My new neighbors found the home on an Internet real-estate site, where it had been listed for just three days. The investment company had made a few fixes, slapped on some paint and jacked up the price by more than \$100,000, which was still a deal.

In the next couple of years, Hilary and Mark plan to bring a child into the home that once housed five. In the meantime, they spend weekends together planting flowers and entertaining friends on their patio. They've brought a new spirit to the home and to the neighborhood.

One of our community's most prolific real estate agents, Tracy King, tells me she sees a lot of buyers like my neighbors — enthusiastic first-timers who spot the charm and potential in smaller homes that more-experienced buyers reject. "After being in the business a long time," she says, "you forget how exciting it can be."

I remember that excitement. The Craftsman home where my wife and I live with our son and daughter is our first. And, like Hilary and Mark, we thought we never would be able to swing homeownership

— until the market dropped in the late '80s and early '90s, leaving many mortgage casualties in its wake. I first visited the place at sunset on a glorious day of Santa Ana breezes. A golden light poured through the wood-framed windows. I called my wife and said without a trace of doubt: "I've found our dream home." That was 15 years and a million cherished memories ago.

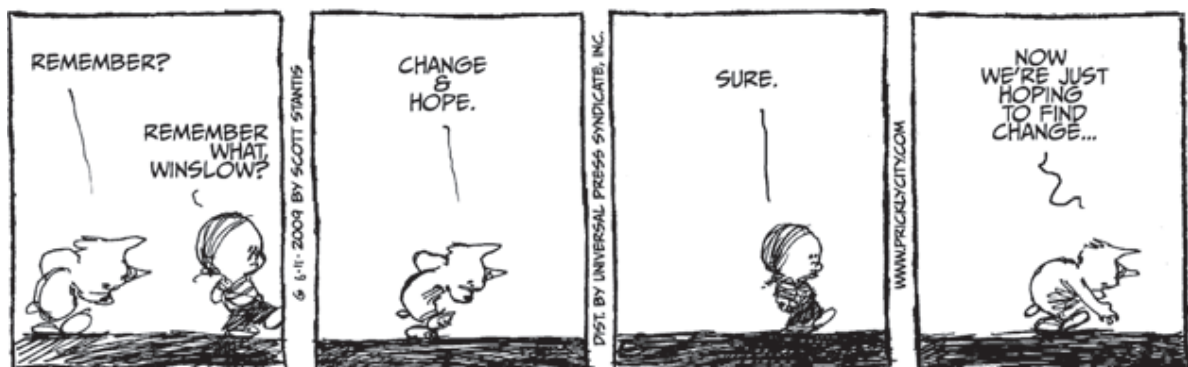
Whenever I half-jokingly suggest we trade it in for a little condo by the beach, my daughter gets playfully irate. She insists we pass it down to her like a family heirloom.

Who knows whether my children will be able to afford their own homes or whether my wife and I will be able to scrape together enough cash to help them, as my parents did for us. But as I've watched the anguish and then joy unfold next door, and reflected on my own experiences, I know there's no point in worrying now. For in real estate — like life — the future always will deliver the unexpected.

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## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Kids play in 36-hour ballgame for charity

**MA** WRENTHAM — It took 101 innings, there were 687 runs scored, and 817 children participated.

The players of the Wrentham Youth Baseball/Softball Association between the ages of 5 and 15 played for 36 straight hours over a weekend, raising an estimated \$75,000 for charity.

The event was billed by organizers as the world's longest baseball game. It began at 8:01 a.m. and ended at 8:01 p.m. the next day.

Coordinator Jim Lucas says the post-game handshake took about 10 minutes.

## Bear cub spotted with head stuck in feeder

**WI** GRANTSBURG — It was no honey pot like in "Winnie the Pooh" but a bear cub in Wisconsin was spotted with a bird feeder stuck on its head.

A landowner in the northwestern part of the state told the state Department of Natural Resources about the cub over Memorial Day weekend. But the mother was so protective that DNR officers couldn't get near the cub, who was still able to climb a tree, the local WQOW-TV reported.

When the DNR set out a live trap, it caught both the cub and the mom. The feeder was found in pieces next to them, possibly chewed apart by the mom.

Both bears were released into the woods.

## Housing legislation under fire in Hawaii

**HI** HONOLULU — Gov. Linda Lingle is under heavy pressure from residential developers to veto legislation that would require them to build significantly more moderate-priced housing.

General Growth Properties and Kamehameha Schools, major landowners in the Kakaako area of Oahu, are behind the effort. They want to construct as many as 7,000 residential units over 20 years.

Under current rules, 20 percent, or about 1,400 units, must be set aside for moderate-income buyers or renters.

The two landowners estimate the bill would boost the mandate to roughly 3,400 units, or almost half of the proposed new units.

## Washington man plans to sail the Pacific Ocean

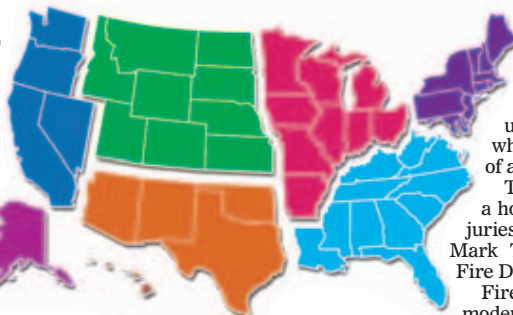
**WA** EVERETT — A Hat Island, Wash., man plans to sail the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii in the same Malaysian-built, 29-foot wooden sailboat that he took from Australia to Washington state nearly three decades ago.

"I'm just hoping for good weather," 56-year-old Brad Tinius told The Herald.

Tinius is on a 2,600-mile solo journey.

Tinius sold his boat, the Chencharu, years ago, but he has reacquired it.

Tinius said he was confident of the seaworthiness of his nearly 60-year-old boat, which is made of teak and has a small outboard



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motor. He has invited his two daughters — 21-year-old Sarah and 18-year-old Megan — for the return trip.

While he thinks the trip should take 24 days or so, he said he has packed enough food and water to last 40 days.

## Stowaway from Ethiopia found among baggage

**VA** CHANTILLY — Federal authorities say they've discovered a stowaway who arrived at a Washington-area airport in the cargo hold of a flight from Ethiopia.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Steve Sapp said ground personnel at Dulles International Airport were pulling baggage from Ethiopian Airlines Flight 500 when they noticed an arm sticking out.

Sapp said the stowaway was an Ethiopian man who was exhausted and dehydrated. He was taken to Reston Hospital Center and is now being held at a federal detention center.

Sapp said the man has been charged with being a stowaway and will be deported.

## Five tornadoes touch ground in Colorado

**CO** AURORA — At least five tornadoes touched down

in Colorado, with one overturning benches and a car outside a mall in a Denver suburb and injuring a man who tried to take pictures of a twister.

The man was taken to a hospital with serious injuries, said Battalion Chief Mark Turley of the Aurora Fire Department.

Firefighters reported moderate damage and gas leaks at the Southlands Mall, which was forced to close.

## Eight immigrants killed in rollover accident

**AZ** SONOITA — Eight illegal immigrants "stacked like wood" in the back of a sports-utility vehicle were killed when the driver lost control on a remote southeastern Arizona highway, authorities said.

At least 27 men and women were in the vehicle traveling about four miles east of Sonoita when the vehicle rolled for an unknown reason, said Officer Joy Craig of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the vehicle's passengers were ejected.

Authorities said all the victims are believed to be illegal immigrants from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador and perhaps Mexico.

## Metro train doors still opening too early

**DC** WASHINGTON — Metro statistics show train operators are still opening the doors of eight-car trains before all cars reach the station platform, despite safety measures put in place a year ago.

The errors pose a significant hazard of riders falling onto the tracks, but transit officials say there have been no injuries.

There were 17 such door incidents from March to May, and all but three involved eight-car trains that were not properly berthed.

Officials say almost all of the incidents occur because operators forget they are in an eight-car train, not a six-car train, and fail to pull the trains to the front of the platform.

## Firm disputes treatment of disabled workers

**TX** GOLDTHWAITE — The co-owner of a Texas business that hired out dozens of mentally disabled workers to work in turkey processing plants in Iowa says the firm didn't violate labor laws.

Iowa state investigators removed 21 of the workers from a boarded-up house in February and the Iowa Workforce Development imposed \$900,000 in fines against Henry's Turkey Service's parent, Hill Country Farms, for improper payroll deductions and other alleged labor-law violations.

Kenneth Henry said in his first interview since the fines were levied that Henry's Turkey legally deducted the cost of the men's care from their paychecks. He said the men needed round-the-clock care.

"These boys cannot take care of themselves," the 68-year-old Henry said. "The constant care is the part that nobody wants to talk about."



**Moving on up** Amputee climber Brent Kuemmerle scales a rock-climbing wall while giving a climbing clinic at the No Barriers Festival in Miami. The four-day festival, which includes classes in scuba diving, sailing and an appearance by an amputee pony with a prosthetic leg, is being held at the Shake-A-Leg Miami Sea Base in Coconut Grove.



**He's covered** Erika Kuhlman leads her son, Danil Marsh, 5, over a rain puddle in the midst of a downpour in Pocatello, Idaho, while on their way to the grocery store.



**Casting in the canal** Luis Roman, 30, casts his line as he fishes for Stripped Bass at the Cap Cod Canal in Bourne, Mass.



## Groovy attitude

**Saxophonist Donald Harrison leads his quintet on the third day of the 33rd annual Telluride Jazz Celebration in Telluride, Colo.**

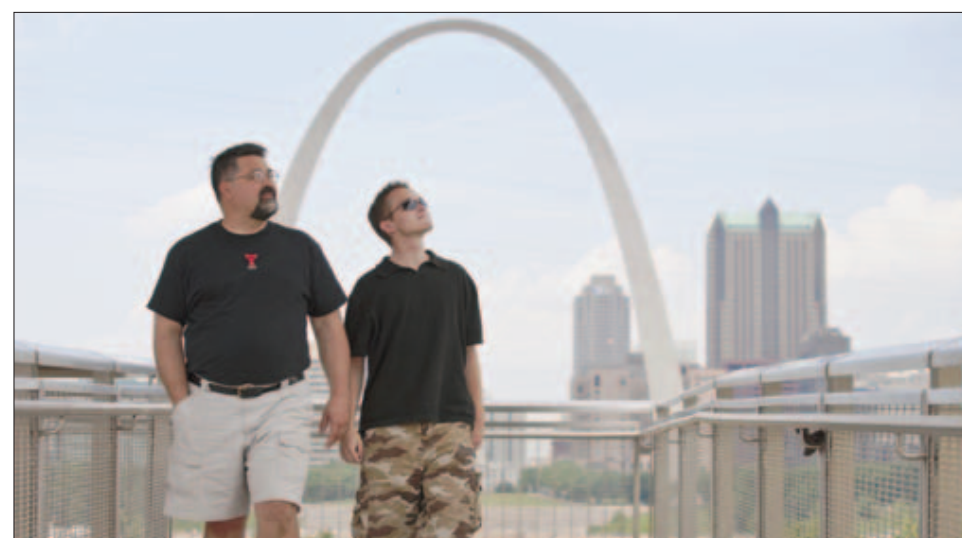




**Fuzzy faces** Mary and Barry Clark mingle with some of the alpacas at their Peaceful Valley Farm near Westminster, Md. The couple sold their home north of Kensington to live a quieter, more simple life.



**Building up** Amanda Burden, chair of the New York City Planning Commission, admires plantings on an abandoned elevated rail line in New York. The line is reopening as a landscaped public park, The High Line, which stretches 1.5 miles up the west side of the Manhattan island.



**Under the arch** Tony Porter, left, and Ronnie Porter of Longmont, Colo., take in the views from the new Mississippi River Overlook after sneaking onto the lookout at Malcolm Martin Memorial Park in East St. Louis, Ill. Workers were putting the finishing touches on the park and overlook to the Gateway Arch before opening it to the public.

## Site recognized as Underground Railroad

**VA** STAFFORD — The National Park Service is recognizing a Stafford County site for the role it played in the Underground Railroad.

The park service has added Aquia Landing to the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

In the mid-19th century, Aquia Landing was a transportation and shipping hub on the Potomac River that linked Fredericksburg and Richmond to Washington. Slaves heading north to freedom passed through the site.

## Mother found dead, daughter wounded

**TX** DALLAS — A man returning home from a family gathering found his wife dead inside their home and their 7-year-old daughter shot and wounded on the sidewalk outside, police said.

Police spokesman Cpl. Gerardo Monreal said authorities arrested Edgar Murga, 25, on charges of murder and injury to a child. Murga's bond was set at \$250,000. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney. Monreal had no other information on Murga.

Lt. Craig Miller said Daisy Arenas was able to give police a description of her attacker before she was taken to Children's Medical Center.

Miller said Arenas-Perez had left the family gathering with her daughter and her 2-year-old, who was found unharmed in the house.

## State trooper dies after chase, shootout

**PA** TOBYHANNA — A man who kidnapped his 9-year-old son in northeastern Pennsylvania led police on a 40-mile chase that ended in a crash followed by an exchange of gunfire that killed him and a state trooper, state police said. Another trooper was wounded and hospitalized, but the boy was not shot.

The chase began outside Easton and ended in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, in the Pocono Mountains when the suspect crashed his car, according to Pocono Mountain Regional Police Chief Harry Lewis. He said the suspect and police then traded gunfire.

The chase was set off at around 7:45 p.m. when Nazareth police were responding to a report of a protection-from-abuse order violation involving a weapon, state police said. The suspect then fled with the boy, police said.

## Pair hikes Maine's 14 highest peaks in 4 days

**ME** LEWISTON — A Maine man and his niece who climbed 14 of Maine's highest mountains in just four days say they won't be attempting to repeat the effort any time soon.

Forty-one-year-old Jeff Hunsnewell of New Gloucester and 24-year-old Nikki Coutts of Casco trained for six weeks before attempting to climb all 14 peaks that are higher than 4,000 feet in less than a week.

Climbing two to six peaks a day, they accomplished their feat in four days. The pair told the Sun

Journal of Lewiston that their training allowed them to climb each mountain two or three hours faster than they normally take.

## Woman pleads guilty to cashing mother's checks

**VT** BRATTLEBORO — A Wilmington woman could be sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to federal charges she cashed her dead mother's benefit checks for 23 years.

Anne M. Shea agreed to reimburse the government the \$235,000 she collected from when her mother died in 1982 until 2005.

Court documents say Shea's father died in 1975 and her mother collected those benefits until her death seven years later.

## Google mentor found dead in home pool

**CA** SAN JOSE — Rajeev Motwani, 47, the Stanford University computer science professor who mentored Google's founders when they were graduate students, is dead from a freak accident at his Atherton, Calif., home.

Motwani apparently drowned early in a backyard swimming pool at the home he purchased three years ago. Friends said he did not know how to swim but was planning on taking lessons. While no official information was available, friends speculated that Motwani, who sometimes stayed up late reading and answering e-mail, may have stepped outside for some fresh air, become disoriented in the dark and fallen in the pool.

The news of his death struck like a thunderclap in Silicon Valley. Blogs, Facebook pages and Twitter communications were filled with testimonials to a brilliant, kind man who was never too busy to help a budding entrepreneur or struggling graduate student. He helped many valley startups gain a foothold, but none so famous as Google, whose co-founder Sergey Brin mourned him.

"Today, whenever you use a piece of technology, there is a good chance a little bit of Rajeev Motwani is behind it," Brin wrote in his blog.

## Somali activist: Teen from U.S. reported killed

**MIN** MINNEAPOLIS — A Somali activist says one of the young Somali men who left Minneapolis to return to their homeland last November has been reported killed in Mogadishu.

Omar Jamal is executive director of the Somali Justice Advocacy Center in Minneapolis. He said his group is looking into the death of the 17-year-old and asking federal officials for help in getting his body returned for burial. He said the teen was killed in artillery fire.

Groups of young Somalis went missing from Minneapolis last year and were feared recruited by radical elements in Somalia.

Jamal said someone should be held accountable because "to mislead kids and take [them] away from their parents and put them in harm's way is a crime."

He offered condolences to the teen's mother in the Minneapolis area.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

If you are the type of person with little to no filter between when you think and what you say, extra caution is advised. Under this Mercury/Jupiter aspect, it's ever so easy to say the wrong thing. Many feet will be extracted from mouths. Make a concerted effort to see things from the point of view of the other person, because this will help.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 11).** You will make sacrifices for your group and therefore will share in a sweet victory. This month brings adventure. Family needs you in August. There's a career breakthrough in October. You'll be making excellent money through the winter, so be sure to save some. Treasured love letters come in January. Aquarius and Taurus adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There's a happy oasis in your mind that hasn't been visited in a while and this is just the time to go there. It's probably a fantasy you have about a vacation or a prize you've wanted. Revel in the fantasy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** What was once a burning desire is now more like a simmering obligation. What went wrong? Remind yourself why you wanted something. Get back in touch with the benefits. Decide whether this thing is still relevant to you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Set an example of integrity for those around you and they will follow you. Something went down that wasn't quite right, and you can get the whole group back on track by acting honestly and quickly.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Someone is judging you by what you have already accomplished, though you know that this is not the whole picture. You are capable of much more and you will prove it in the days to come.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** In some ways, you are in a tight spot, but not in every way. If you feel limited, it's

only because you're focusing on your limits. Instead, look at all you can do. You'll start to believe and know that you are totally free.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll be putting in some hard work. The project you're dedicating yourself to is worth it and you will eventually get where you want to be. Put up reminders to keep you on track. Post-it notes on the wall will do!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** One problem with living within your limits is that it's deadly dull. The other problem is that it's very likely that you do not actually know what those limits really are. Stretch yourself until you're really uncomfortable.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** No need to be secretive and stay mum on those taboo topics like money and politics. You benefit from asking questions and sharing opinions, as long as you're flawlessly tactful.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The issues that won't change your life are hardly worth discussing. You'll be around those who have special knowledge and their tips could make a huge difference, especially in the area of finance.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You need to see a display of your own power. Bend circumstances to your will, if only to prove that you can. Get back to believing in yourself. A Sagittarius can help you in this regard.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There are some things that you can't think through. You just have to get started. Action liberates a kind of profound intelligence that comes from your body. So let your hands do the thinking for you.

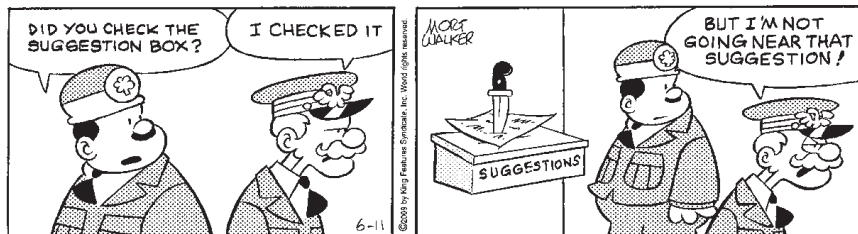
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You have an impulse to do something remarkable. Well, perhaps it won't seem like a big deal, but if you continue in this path and do the same act every day for the next three months, your life will change in amazing ways.

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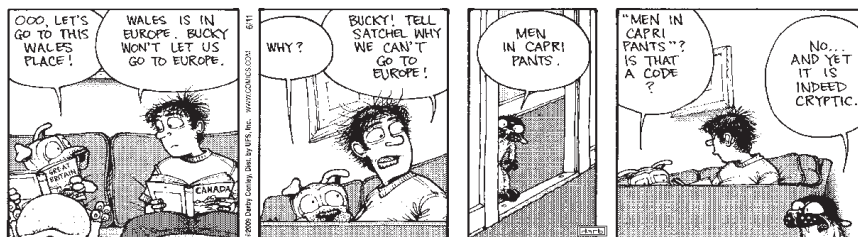
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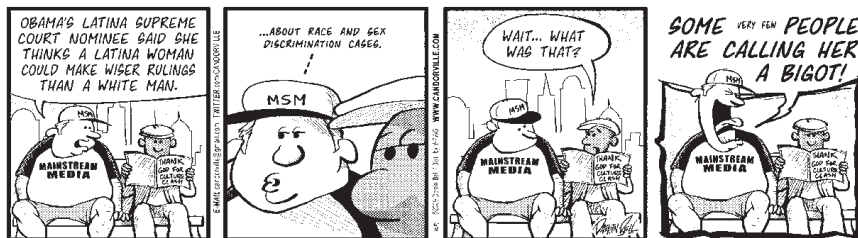
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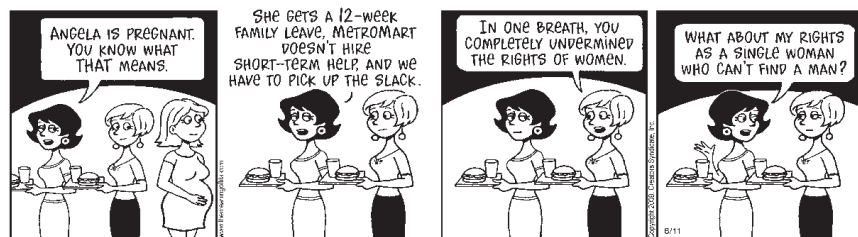
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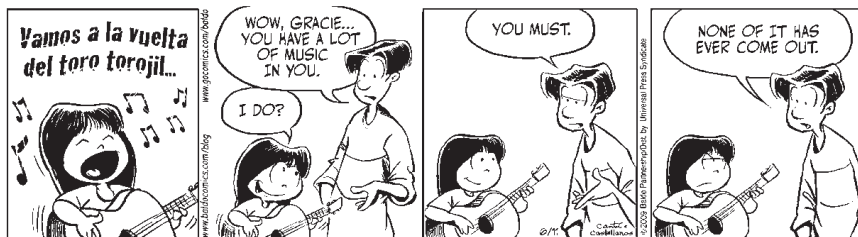
## Meaning of Lila



## Knight Life



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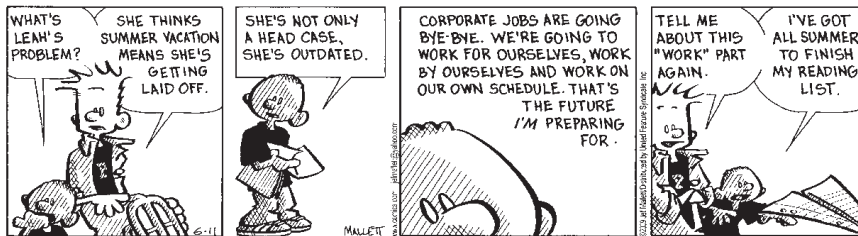
Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

## Yesterday's solution

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Baby Blues



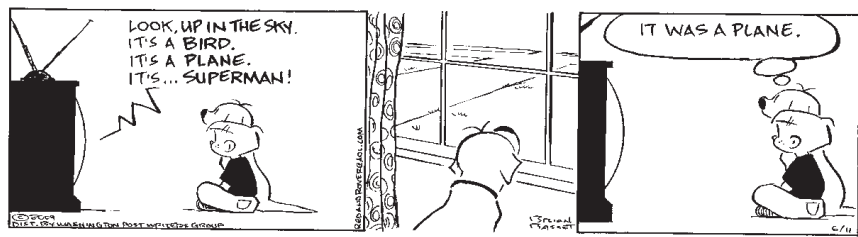
Jump Start



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Better or Worse



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Suitable
- 4 Agenda entry
- 8 Inquisitive
- 12 Scratch
- 13 Evoking an "eww!"
- 14 Killer whale
- 15 Offstage aide
- 17 "Hud" Oscar winner
- 18 Swab the deck
- 19 Charmingly innocent
- 21 Be unsteady
- 24 Nosh
- 25 Fuss
- 26 Early bird?
- 28 Ball-rolling game
- 32 Typeface choice
- 34 Chic no more
- 36 Entreat
- 37 Halloween option
- 39 Possibly will
- 41 Galena, e.g.
- 42 Shell-game need
- 44 Stuck
- 46 Tea with fabled powers
- 50 Take blades to blades
- 51 Mine entrance
- 52 Openings for aglets
- 56 Region
- 57 Unrivaled
- 58 Author Buscaglia
- 59 Winged
- 60 Basin accessory

61 Put down

### DOWN

- 1 Music booster
- 2 Standard
- 3 Brass member
- 4 Drink
- 5 Performance
- 6 Distort
- 7 Short liturgical prayer
- 8 Direct, as a flight
- 9 Hydrox rival
- 10 Con job
- 11 Elis' campus
- 16 Unruly bunch
- 20 Apprehend
- 21 Float gracefully
- 22 Smell
- 23 Freudian concept
- 27 Wrigley product
- 29 Ironsides commander
- 30 Concern
- 31 Kept tabs on
- 33 Mixologist
- 35 — Mahal
- 38 Ball-bearing item
- 40 Talk on and on
- 43 Viewpoint
- 45 Oft-tattooed word
- 46 Mideastern Strip
- 47 "American —"
- 48 Ship of 1492
- 49 Expand
- 53 "A Chorus Line" song
- 54 Earl Grey, for one
- 55 Sauce source

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW OFTEN HAVE I WARNED YOU TO PICK UP THAT PRONGED FORK VERY CAREFULLY? TIME AND TIME AGAIN!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals E

# Woman hides body, feelings

**Dear Abby:** I am 43, the mother of four children and just celebrated my 20th anniversary. Is it normal for someone to be married all this time and still not want your husband to see you naked?

I do not reveal myself to him. The lights must always be off, and I keep a shirt on. It's not because I am ashamed of my body; it's that I'm not attracted to him. I never was.

I married my husband for security and have learned to love him. But I love him like a brother, in a sisterly kind of way.

My husband had an affair a few years ago, and frankly, I was secretly relieved. Sometimes I wish he was still with her. Now that it's over, I'm back in hiding. Abby, please advise.

—Hiding In Pennsylvania

**Dear Hiding:** What a sad situation. By marrying your husband feeling as you did, you have cheated both of you. Not only have you "not revealed" yourself physi-

cally, you have not revealed yourself emotionally or in any other way. You wish he was still with his lover because it took the pressure off you. Your husband had an affair because instinctively he knew something important was missing in your marriage, and if you were happy you would not have written to me. What you have described is not a marriage; it is an "arrangement."

My advice is to talk to your husband about making another kind of arrangement — one in which he supports the children and possibly makes some kind of settlement with you, while you both pursue your separate lives.

**Dear Abby:** My boyfriend, "Will," recently let it slip that he thinks I'm less intelligent than he is. He said if we were to take an IQ test, he would score higher. I felt hurt and angry when he said it, especially because he truly believes it. He said the same thing to me five years ago. Now I find myself

feeling extremely defensive. I am in the top third of my law school class but did poorly in engineering school. In contrast, Will has a Ph.D. in engineering. Now I'm thinking of ending the relationship. Do you think I'm being overly sensitive?

—Average In Maryland

**Dear Maryland:** Please allow me to enlighten you about something. Being in the top third of your class in law school already makes you above average, so please stop allowing your boyfriend's egotistical comment to undermine your self-esteem.

Will may or may not have a higher IQ than you, but he is lacking in social intelligence and common sense. Whether you keep him or dump him is up to you, but recognize that no one has everything. Ask yourself why he needed to say what he did to you, and you may find that he's using his air of intellectual superiority to mask a lack of self-esteem.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argiron and Jeff Knurek



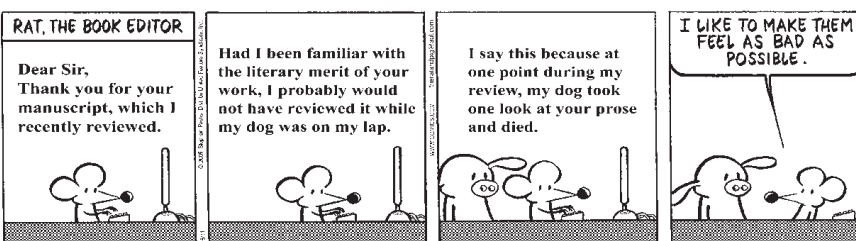
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

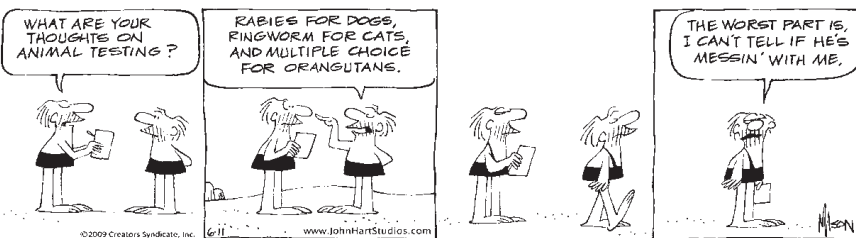
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Yesterday's Jumbles: BAKED ABASH WAYLAY BUTTER  
Answer: What the laid-back pickpocket liked to do — TAKE IT "EASY"

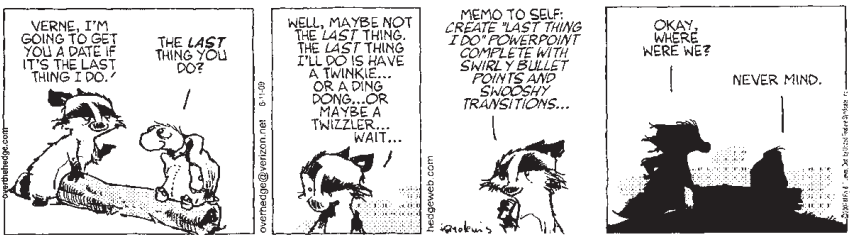
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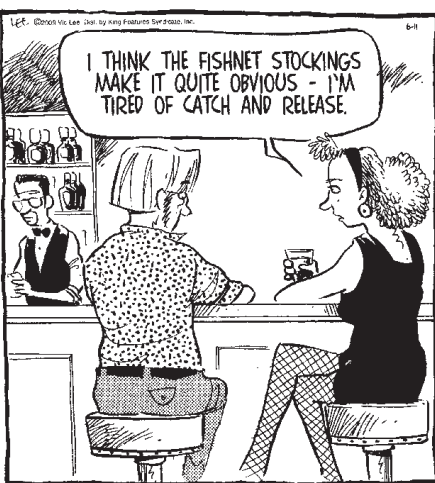
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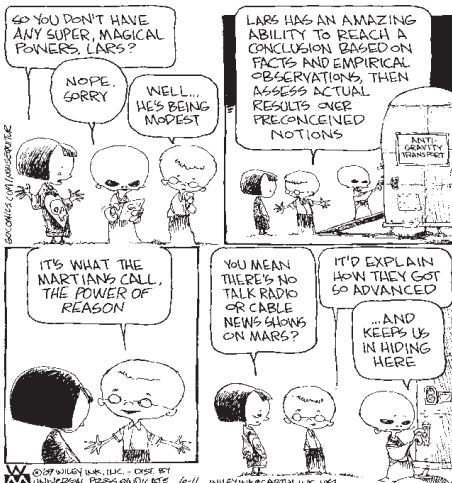
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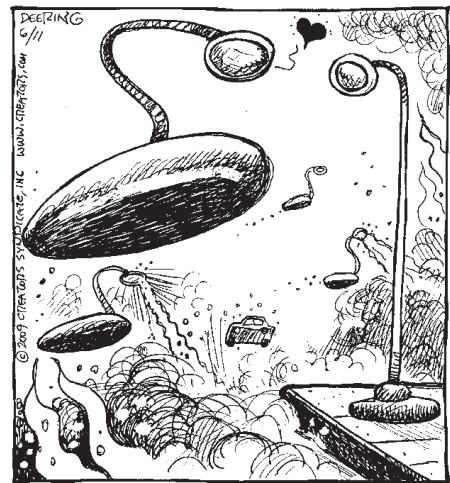
Pardon My Planet



Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



## Speed Bump





## AFRTS Television Schedule

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami Horatio must fire a member of his team.	Backyardigans	Movie "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner. An uncool girl magically becomes a successful adult.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	(8:00) Sports	(8:00) Sports
9:30		Miss Spiders		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World				Fit For Duty	Guiding Light	NBA Basketball Finals Game 3 - Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
10:30		Curious George				AFN Europe Report		Sports	
11:00	Dr. Phil	Miss Spiders	(10:55) Movie "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Recon	E! News		
11:30		Backyardigans			Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "A Taste of Armageddon"		
12:30	ESPN News	Dora the Explorer		Campbell Brown	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Roseanne		
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Downrange		
13:30		Bear in House	(18) Movie "Toothless" (1997, Comedy) Kirstie Alley, Dale Midkiff.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN News Europe	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street				Recon			
14:30	World News-Gibson			The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	Movie "Planet of the Apes" (2001, Science Fiction) Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth, Helena Bonham Carter.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Color Splash		
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals (3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		The American Veteran	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:00	The View	(40) Zatch Bell		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon Revisited	King of the Hill		X Play
16:30				Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Fit For Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Wonder Boys" (2000) Michael Douglas, Tobey Maguire. A writer's personal crises come to a head one weekend.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Game	Briefing Encore	One Tree Hill		The Ultimate Fighter
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana			Worst Week "The Truck"	Fit For Duty			
19:00	Access Hollywood	Wizards of Waverly Place		Today	PrimeTime: What Would You Do?	Battleground	Ugly Betty "Things Fall Apart"	NBA Basketball Finals Game 3 - Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Subject to Blackout)	WWE Wrestling
19:30	Judge Judy	Kenan & Kel			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Recon	Desperate Housewives		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "Cold Snap"		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
20:30		Everybody Hates Chris		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		Attack of the Show!
21:00	General Hospital	The Cosby Show	(21) Movie "Undercover Brother" (2002, Comedy) Eddie Griffin, Chris Kattan.			Briefing Encore	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
21:30	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Week-Pentagon	The Colbert Report		
22:00		Strange Days				Tour of Duty			
22:30	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "One Nation"	Movie "Man of the House" (2005) Tommy Lee Jones.			Downrange			
23:00									

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie "Man of the House" (2005, Comedy)	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Exchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:30) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Any Day Now "Home Girl"		Futurama
1:00	Headline News	Wizards of Waverly Place	(12:55) Movie "Of Mice and Men" (1992) John Malkovich. Based on Steinbeck's novel about two friends in the 1930s.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	Today's Air Force	Ghost Whisperer "The Underneath"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Kenan & Kel		Newsroom	CSI: Miami "Kill Switch"	Around the Services	Psych "Weekend Warriors"	Sports	Family Guy
2:00	The Game	American Dreams "Cold Snap"				Downrange	Seinfeld "The Bubble Boy"		The Ultimate Fighter
2:30	Worst Week "The Truck"	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "Wonder Boys" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Michael Douglas, Tobey Maguire. A writer's personal crises come to a head one weekend.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Friends		WWE Wrestling
3:00	PrimeTime: What Would You Do?	The Cosby Show			State Dept Briefing	Battleground	College Football Live		
3:30	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Disarmed & Dangerous"	Degrassi: Next Generation	(21) Movie "Undercover Brother" (2002, Comedy) Eddie Griffin, Chris Kattan.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Kiana's Flex Appeal		Best Damn Sports Show Period
4:00		Strange Days-Blake Holsey		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	NFL Live	Attack of the Show!
4:30	Headline News	Teletubbies		Glenn Beck	Headline News	FNG Useful benefits.	Essence of Emeril	Jim Rome Is Burning	
5:00	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends			Good Morning America	Downrange	Simply Delicious Ribs.	Around the Horn	
5:30		Sesame Street				Around the Services	FitTV's Housecalls	Pardon the Interruption	
6:00	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	At the Movies	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist	
6:30		Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com	NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon			
7:00	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	Sports	Sports
7:30	Judge Judy	Super Why!	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services	Mad About You "The Penis"		
8:00	CSI: Miami "Kill Switch"	The Wonder Pets!	Movie "Diamond Girl" (1998) Joely Collins. A man tries to save the family wine estate.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Living Single		
8:30		Little Einsteins		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Guiding Light		
9:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World				Fit For Duty			
9:30		Curious George				AFN Europe Report			
10:00	Dr. Phil	Little Einsteins	(45) Movie "Girl, Interrupted" (1999, Drama) Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Clea DuVall. A troubled young woman checks into a psychiatric hospital.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	The Grill Sergeants	E! News		Sports
10:30		The Wonder Pets!			Everybody Loves Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
11:00	CBS Evening News	Super Why!		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "This Side of Paradise"		
11:30	ESPN News	Go, Diego, Go!		Campbell Brown	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Roseanne "Mall Story"		
12:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "Friends 'Til the End" (1997, Suspense) Shannen Doherty, Jennifer Blanc.		The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends (Part 2 of 2)		
12:30		Bear in the Big Blue House		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Downrange	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street				AFN Europe Report			
13:30	World News-Gibson					Balad and Beyond			
14:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(45) Movie "In the Line of Fire" (1993, Suspense) Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich. A veteran Secret Service agent battles a vicious assassin.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
14:30		Planet's Funniest Animals (3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Decorating Cents		
15:00	The View	(40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		The Grill Sergeants	Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
15:30				Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon	King of the Hill		X Play
16:00	Dr. Phil	(05) The Fairly OddParents	Biography "Hilary Swank" Actress Hilary Swank.	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama
16:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
17:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes		Around the Services	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report		Family Guy "Patriot Games"
17:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	King of the Hill	Briefing Encore	Project Runway "Bright Lights, Big City: Sandra Bernhard"		The Hills Whitney's offer to work in Paris.
18:00	Access Hollywood	Just Jordan	Movie "The Holiday" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law. Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas.	Today	(25) The Simpsons	Fit For Duty	Grey's Anatomy "Here Comes the Flood"		The Real World Chet and JD have a fight.
18:30	Judge Judy	The Naked Brothers Band			Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Grys Family"	Battleground	Private Practice "Past Tense"		Real World - Road Rules Challenge
19:00	The Young and the Restless	Made "Pageant Queen" Beauty pageant queen.		Today	House "The Softer Side"	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
19:30	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Friends (Part 1 of 2)		Attack of the Show!
20:00		The Cosby Show			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
20:30	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	The Colbert Report		
21:00		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Army Newswatch			
21:30	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "When a Child Is Born"				Downrange			
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# Furyk optimistic about daunting course

The Associated Press

LAFAYETTE HILL, Pa. — Jim Furyk doesn't have fond memories of the Black Course at Bethpage State Park, but he hopes changes in the course setup and hopefully better weather will boost his chances to contend at next week's U.S. Open.

Furyk missed the cut in 2002 with rounds of 73 and 80 on the difficult New York course, recalling a setup that "was definitely not good for my game."

"Of all the U.S. Opens I've played, it probably was the most problems for me," Furyk said Monday before hosting his annual Exelon Invitational charity event, which included Anthony Kim, Kenny Perry and Paul Casey, at The ACE Club in suburban Philadelphia.

Furyk comes into the Open having finished second to Tiger Woods by one shot in the Memorial on Sunday. Woods is the defending U.S. Open champion — and also won it seven years ago at Bethpage.

In his return to Bethpage, Furyk, who won the U.S. Open in 2003 at Olympia Fields near Chicago, is resting his hopes on the United States Golf Association's kinder, gentler setup in recent years — along with a weather pattern more conducive to scoring.

"I'm hoping it's not winter again there, put it that way," Furyk said. "It was in the 50s, raining sideways and blowing. That's not summer, I'm sorry."

"I think, more importantly, we have a new setup for U.S. Opens the last few years. I think the positive I'm taking is going to Bethpage with an open mind thinking that it's going to be different than it was last time and hopefully a little more suited for my game."

Perry also recalls a bear of a course. He made the cut, finishing tied for 45th at 15-over par, but he has not forgotten the test.

"In 2002, I remember there wasn't a birdie hole out there," Perry said. "I remember the rain, the thick rough. It just seemed like if you didn't hit the fairway, every hole was a struggle."

He said he'll use a strategy similar to his approach at this year's Masters, where he lost to Angel Cabrera in a playoff, and that's to focus on getting the ball in the fairway and go from there.

"I'm going in there with a driv-

er with a little more loft. I'm going to try to get something to act like a 2-wood, just to make sure I get the ball in play this year," he said. "That's kind of what I did at Augusta. I made sure I got it in the fairway, didn't short-side myself on the greens. I tried to give myself as many par opportunities and maybe steal a birdie here or there."

"Hopefully by the end of the day we're in good shape."

Neither Casey nor Kim, two of the PGA Tours young stars, were in the field in 2002. Neither has ever played Bethpage Black.

"I'm excited to see it and having not experienced it in '02, I don't have, should we say, the scars from the stories I've heard and how tough it was," said Casey, ranked No. 3 in the world. "The way the USGA announced setting up the Open with the graduated rough and maybe moving some

tees around, I think it will be quite a different golf course."

Casey will get his first look at the course during a practice round on Tuesday. He's already received advice from fans who have played the public course.

"I've been getting advice from the people we've been meeting out [on Tour] shaking hands and signing autographs, who are telling me about the holes," said Casey, whose best U.S. Open fin-

ish in six starts was a tie for 10th in 2007 at Oakmont. "I like the challenge, sometimes I'm good at it, sometimes I'm not but that's why we play the game. We want to test ourselves not only against the best players, but the toughest golf courses in the world and this has a reputation of being exactly that."

Kim will play a practice round Thursday.

"I've heard that course is a monster," Kim said.

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**Jim Furyk is hoping to fare better at the U.S. Open at Bethpage Black next week than he did the last time the Open was held at the New York public course in 2002, when he missed the cut.**

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# No U.S. Open for Daly, Love

## Pros fall short in qualifying for Bethpage Black

By DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

GERMANTOWN, Tennessee — In his first time competing in America since the PGA Tour lifted his six-month suspension, John Daly missed out on qualifying for the U.S. Open, managing only four birdies in 36 holes of a qualifier Monday.

Daly shot 1-over 143 and didn't come close to getting one of 13 spots available in Tennessee.

"My feet are tired," Daly said after politely declining an interview with a Memphis TV station.

Daly was awarded a sponsor's exemption for the St. Jude Classic, which starts Thursday, and he took one positive out of two mediocre rounds at Ridgeway (70) and Germantown (73). At least it helped him make the transition from playing in Europe.

"Being over there for five weeks, the greens are so much slower there and I wasn't used to the speed," he said later. "I haven't putted on Bermuda greens in a long time. Boy, talk about not even sniffing a putt."

He'll have to change his clothes when he gets back on the PGA Tour, though.

One of the charms of U.S. Open qualifying is that all players are allowed to wear shorts. Daly stood

out on this steamy day, wearing knee-length shorts with a blue-and-white checkered pattern. But he looked slimmer than he has in years after a stomach surgery in February that limits his appetite. Daly said he weighed 218 pounds when he checked on Sunday.

The 13 qualifiers included J.P. Hayes, J.J. Henry, and Casey Wittenberg, a former U.S. Amateur finalist. Greg Kraft earned the final spot in a 6-for-1 playoff among all PGA Tour players, getting through on the second extra hole.

The Tennessee sectional had mostly PGA Tour players, with an even larger field in Columbus, Ohio, for those who played the Memorial. Among those qualifying were David Duval, amateur Rickie Fowler and 50-year-old Tom Lehman, who once played in the final group four straight years in the U.S. Open.

Davis Love III, who moved up to No. 45 in the world a week too late, failed to qualify. Also missing was U.S. Amateur champion Danny Lee, who turned down his spot at Bethpage by turning pro.

Daly attracted a crowd of nearly 300 people, who followed him down the fairway, waiting for something to cheer. There were no big numbers, except for a double bogey when his tee shot sliced

onto the road, and there were not enough birdies.

The tour suspended Daly for a series of off-course incidents that led to the wrong kind of publicity, particularly a photo of Daly from a North Carolina jail after he spent the night to get sober.

The U.S. Open will be held June 18-21 at Bethpage Black, a public course in New York where Tiger Woods was the only player to break par when the U.S. Open was held there seven years ago. Daly finished 27 shots behind, including one round in the 80s, and he wanted desperately to get back.

"That's the only reason I did this," Daly said. "I love Bethpage. It's the ultimate major course. It's fair. It's so hard, they really can't make it any harder."

So many others are vying for a chance to take it on in 36-hole qualifying across the country.

In other sectional qualifying: ■ Matt Kuchar left Ohio on Sunday and got home to Atlanta in time to win one of three spots.

■ Bronson Burgoon of Texas A&M University continued an amazing two weeks by earning one of two spots in Dallas. Two weeks ago, it was Burgoon's wedge from deep rough to within inches that gave the Aggies the NCAA championship.

■ Brad Faxon missed qualify-



John Daly tees off during a U.S. Open qualifying round in Germantown, Tenn., on Monday. Daly shot a 1-over 143, with just four birdies, in his first round in the U.S. since being suspended by the PGA Tour six months ago. Daly didn't earn a spot in the field for next week's tournament at Bethpage Black.

LANCE MURPHEY/AP

ing by two shots in Purchase, New York, where Kevin Silva earned one of four spots.

■ Fred Funk, 52, became the oldest qualifier for this U.S. Open when he was among seven players who earned spots in Rockville, Md. The others included Michael Sim of Australia, who leads the Nationwide Tour money list.

■ In Florida, rookie Gary Woodland was among three who qualified. Brian Davis of England, who is No. 24 in the FedEx

Cup standings on the PGA Tour, failed to qualify.

Most of the PGA Tour players were either in Tennessee or Ohio. Some didn't make it to the first tee. Jerry Kelly withdrew in Ohio, while Scott Verplank and Steve Elkington were among those who pulled out in Memphis.

Michael Letzig, who played with Tiger Woods in the final round at the Memorial, could not get a flight to Memphis in time and had to withdraw.

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Pro basketball

Tennis

Deals

College baseball

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**—MLB: N.Y. Yankees at Boston.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Seattle at Baltimore.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: San Diego at L.A. Dodgers.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—MLS: CD Chivas USA at Houston (dtd).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—MLB: Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets (dtd).

**Friday**  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—MLB: Pittsburgh at Atlanta.  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—MLB: Toronto at Texas.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NBA Finals: Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Orlando.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—MLB: Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets (dtd).  
**AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.**—NBA Finals: Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Orlando.

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dtd) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit [www.myanfn.net](http://www.myanfn.net) for more information.

Boxing

**Fight schedule**  
**June 12**  
At HP Pavilion, San Jose, Calif., Robert Guerrero, Gilroy, Calif., vs. Efran Hinojosa, Mexico, 10, super featherweights.  
At Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, Clarence Adams, Las Vegas, vs. Alex Baba, Doraville, Ga., 10, featherweights.  
**June 13**  
At Madison Square Garden, New York, Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, vs. Joshua Clottey, Bronx, N.Y., 12, for Cotto's WBO welterweight title; Ivan Calderon, Puerto Rico, vs. Rodel Mayol, Philippines, 12, for Calderon's WBO light flyweight title.  
At Mexico City, Juan Palacios, Nicaragua, vs. Erik Ramirez, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBC minimumweight title.  
**June 19**  
At Montreal, Adrian Diaconu, Canada, vs. Jean Pascal, Canada, 12, for Diaconu's WBC light heavyweight title.  
At Laredo (Texas) Entertainment Center, Fernando Beltran Jr. vs. Monty Meza-Clay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.  
**June 20**  
At Veltins Arena, Gelsenkirchen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Ruslan Chagaev, Uzbekistan, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO heavyweight titles; Alexander Ustinov, Belarus, vs. Michael Sprott, Britain, 10, heavyweights.  
At Veracruz, Mexico, Tomas Rojas, Mexico, vs. Rafael Concepcion, Panama, 12, for the vacant interim WBC super flyweight title; Edgar Sosa, Mexico, vs. Carlos Melo, Panama, 12, for Sosa's WBC light flyweight title.  
At Rivier Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, Alberta, Rye Fields, Edmonton, Alberta, vs. Nicolai Firtha, Akron, Ohio, 12, for the vacant WBC/NABF Native American Boxing Council heavyweight title.  
**June 21**  
At Suncholes, Argentina, Hugo Hernan Garay, Argentina, vs. David Gogiyva, 12, for Garay's WBA light heavyweight title.  
**June 26**  
At Casino Rama, Rama, Ontario, Steve Molitor, Canada, vs. Heriberto Ruiz, Mexico, 12, junior featherweights.  
At Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, Ariz., Daniel Jacobs, New York, vs. George Walton, New York, 10, middleweights.  
**June 27**  
At Windhoek, Namibia, Paulus Moses, Namibia, vs. Verquan Kimbrough, Pittsburg, 12, for Moses' WBA lightweight title.  
At London, Andreas Kotelnik, Germany, vs. Amir Khan, Britain, 12, for Kotelnik's WBA light welterweight title; Matthew Hall, Britain, vs. Anthony Small, Britain, 12, for Hall's Commonwealth junior middleweight title.  
At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Juan Manuel Lopez, Puerto Rico, vs. Olivier Lontchi, Canada, 12, for Lopez's WBO super bantamweight title; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Eric Morel, Madison, Wis., 12, for Montiel's WBO bantamweight title; Mike Alvarado, Thornton, Colo., vs. Paul Malignaggi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 10, light welterweights; Vanes Martirosyan, Glendale, Calif., vs. Andrey Tsurkan, Bronx, N.Y., 10, light middleweights.  
At Tamaulipas, Mexico, Jorge Linarees, Japan, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linarees' WBA super featherweight title.  
At Quintana Roo, Mexico, Juan Jose Landaeza, Venezuela, vs. Francisco Rosas, Mexico, 12, for the vacant interim WBA light flyweight title; Koki Kameda, Japan, vs. Omar Salado, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBA flyweight title.  
At Staples Center, Los Angeles, Chris John, Indonesia, vs. Rocky Juarez, Houston, 12, for John's WBA featherweight title; Victor Ortiz, Oxnard, Calif., vs. Marcos Maidana, Argentina, 12, for the interim WBA light heavyweight title.

**NBA Finals**  
(Best-of-seven)  
**Orlando vs. L.A. Lakers**  
L.A. Lakers 100, Orlando 75  
L.A. Lakers 101, Orlando 96, OT, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0  
**Tuesday:** L.A. Lakers at Orlando  
**Thursday:** L.A. Lakers at Orlando  
**Sunday:** L.A. Lakers at Orlando \*  
**Tuesday, June 16:** Orlando at L.A. Lakers \*  
**Thursday, June 18:** Orlando at L.A. Lakers \*  
\* — if necessary

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	2	1	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1
Connecticut	1	1	.500	1
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1½
New York	0	1	.000	1½
Indiana	0	2	.000	2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Seattle	2	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	½
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1
San Antonio	0	1	.000	1½
Sacramento	0	2	.000	2

**Sunday's games**  
Washington 77, Atlanta 71  
Connecticut 66, New York 57  
Minnesota 96, Indiana 74  
Seattle 80, Sacramento 70  
**Monday's game**  
Detroit 81, Los Angeles 52  
**Tuesday's game**  
Seattle at Indiana  
**Wednesday's games**  
Washington at Detroit  
Los Angeles at Minnesota  
New York at Phoenix

Pro soccer

MLS						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	5	2	6	21	20	17
D.C.	4	2	7	19	20	17
Columbus	3	2	7	16	17	17
Kansas City	4	5	4	16	16	16
New England	2	3	4	16	14	17
Toronto FC	4	5	4	16	17	21
New York	2	9	3	9	12	22
Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	8	2	3	27	18	9
Houston	6	2	2	21	15	7
Seattle	3	3	5	17	15	10
Colorado	4	2	5	17	17	14
Los Angeles	2	1	9	15	15	14
Real Salt Lake	3	6	3	12	16	16
FC Dallas	2	6	4	10	14	19
San Jose	2	7	3	9	14	24
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
Sunday's games						
FC Dallas 2, San Jose 2, tie						
New England 4, New York 0						
Wednesday's game						
Chivas USA at Houston						
Saturday's games						
Chicago at D.C. United						
New York at Toronto FC						
Houston at FC Dallas						
New England at Kansas City						
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles						
San Jose at Seattle FC						
Sunday, June 14						
Chivas USA at Columbus						
WPS						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	1	3	24	15	4
Washington	3	3	3	12	16	18
Boston	3	3	2	11	10	11
Saint Louis	3	3	2	11	7	8
FC Gold Pride	3	5	2	11	10	14
Chicago	2	3	4	10	8	8
Sky Blue FC	2	5	2	8	6	9
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
Sunday's games						
Saint Louis 1, Sky Blue FC 0						
Los Angeles 3, Washington 1						
FC Gold Pride 1, Chicago 1, tie						
Saturday's games						
Chicago at Washington						
Los Angeles at Sky Blue FC						
Sunday, June 14						
Saint Louis at Boston						

**AEGON Championships**  
**Tuesday**  
**At The Queen's Club**  
**London**  
**Purse: \$1.05 million (WT250)**  
**Surface: Grass-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**First Round**  
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Sebastian Grosjean, France, 6-2, 2-1, retired.  
Alberto Martin, Spain, def. Ernests Gulbis (13), Latvia, 7-6 (9), 6-4.  
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Paul Capdeville, Chile, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.  
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Daniel Koelliker, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.  
Ivo Karlovic (8), Croatia, def. Teimuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (11).  
**Second Round**  
Andy Roddick (2), United States, def. Kristof Vliegen, Belgium, 6-1, 6-4.  
Mardy Fish (8), United States, def. Michael Llodra, France, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3.  
James Blake (6), United States, def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 6-2, 7-6 (4).  
Gaël Monfils (4), France, def. Andrej Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5).  
Feliciano Lopez (10), Spain, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (5).  
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 7-5, 6-3.

**AEGON Classic**  
**Tuesday**  
**At Edgbaston Priory Club**  
**Birmingham, England**  
**Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.)**  
**Surface: Grass-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**First Round**  
Sania Mirza, India, def. Tatiana Poutchev, Belarus, 6-1, 6-2.  
Stefanie Voegelé, Switzerland, def. Carly Gullickson, United States, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.  
Melinda Czink (16), Hungary, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.  
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.  
Anne Keothavong (11), Britain, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-2.  
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Stephanie Foretz, France, 7-6(5), 6-3.  
Barbora Zahlavova, Czech Republic, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.  
Mariya Koryttseva, Ukraine, def. Yulia Fedossova, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, leads Naomi Broady, Britain, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 5-4, susp., rain.  
Aravane Rezaï (15), France, leads Mariana Duque Marino, Colombia, 5-4, susp., rain.  
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, leads Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 3-1, susp., rain.  
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, leads Lilia Osterloh, United States, 7-6 (4), 4-4, susp., rain.

**Gerry Weber Open**  
**Tuesday**  
**At Gerry Weber Stadion**  
**Halle, Germany**  
**Purse: \$1.05 million (WT250)**  
**Surface: Grass-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**First Round**  
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, def. Fabrice Santoro, France, 7-5, 6-2.  
Jurgen Melzer (7), Austria, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Joseph Sirianni, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.  
Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Fernando Vicente, Spain, 6-0, 6-0.  
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 7-5, 6-2.  
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Fernando Verdasco (3), Spain, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.  
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.  
Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-2, 6-1.  
Andreas Beck, Germany, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3.

**AP spotlight**  
**June 11**  
1982 — Larry Holmes stops Gerry Cooney in the 13th round for the WBC heavyweight title at Las Vegas.  
1984 — The Boston Celtics beat the Los Angeles Lakers 111-102 in Game 7 to win their 15th NBA title.

**Monday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Recalled RHP Jose Contreras from Charlotte (IL). Optioned LHP Wes Whisler to Charlotte.  
**DETROIT TIGERS**—Activated RHP Jeremy Bonderman from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Ryan Perry to Toledo (IL).  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Placed OF Ryan Sweeney on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 3. Recalled 1B Daric Barton from Sacramento (PCL).  
**TEXAS RANGERS**—Exercised a contract option to retain manager Ron Washington for the 2010 season.  
**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Claimed RHP Blaine Boyer off waivers from St. Louis. Named Mike Berger director, player development.  
**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Assigned RHP Hayden Penn outright to New Orleans (PCL).  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Activated RHP Mike Adams from the 60-day DL. Sent INF Chris Burke outright to Portland (PCL). Recalled RHP Edwin Moreno and LHP Wade LeBlanc from Portland. Optioned LHP Joe Thatcher to Portland. Placed RHP Luis Perdomo on the 15-day DL.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**—Agreed with terms with S Courtney Greene on a four-year contract.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**ANAHEIM DUCKS**—Signed RW Mike Brown to a two-year contract extension.  
**ATLANTA THRASHERS**—Re-signed F Marty Reasoner.  
**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS**—Signed LW Rob Klinkhammer, D Jonathan Carlsson, D Brian Connolly and G Alec Richards.  
**NASHVILLE PREDATORS**—Signed F Triston Grant to a one-year contract.  
**COLLEGE**  
**ARMY**—Named Shandrika Lee-Gersch women's assistant basketball coach.  
**AUBURN**—Named Edgard da Gama e Silva Filho assistant volleyball coach.  
**CONNECTICUT COLLEGE**—Named Kenny Murphy men's soccer coach.  
**DAYTON**—Named Ricardo "Kiki" Lara men's assistant soccer coach.  
**EVANSVILLE**—Announced G-F Briyana Blair will transfer from Miami and have two years of eligibility remaining.  
**GETTYSBURG**—Named Stuart Pradia men's assistant basketball coach.  
**INDIANAPOLIS**—Named Jason Wartha wrestling coach.  
**LSU**—Announced men's basketball F Tasmim Mitchell withdrew from the NBA Draft.  
**MUHLBERG**—Named Mike Kocsis wrestling coach.  
**NJIT**—Named Matt Friel men's assistant soccer coach.  
**ST. FRANCIS, IND.**—Announced Mike Mc Caffrey, director of athletic marketing and promotions, will take on additional duties as assistant athletic director, effective July 1.  
**SAINT XAVIER**—Upgraded men's volleyball to a varsity sport for the 2009-10 season.

Pro hockey

Stanley Cup finals				
Detroit vs. Pittsburgh				
Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1				
Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1				
Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2				
Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2				
Detroit 5, Pittsburgh 0, Detroit leads series 3-2				
Tuesday: Detroit at Pittsburgh				
Friday: Pittsburgh at Detroit, if necessary				
Playoff scoring leaders				
Through June 7				
	GP	G	A	Pts
Evgeni Malkin, Pit	22	14	21	35
Sidney Crosby, Pit	22	15	16	31
Henrik Zetterberg, Det	21	11	13	24
Johan Franzen, Det	21	12	11	23
Alexander Ovechkin, Was	14	11	10	21
Ryan Getzlaf, Anh	13	4	14	18
Valtteri Filppula, Det	21	3	13	16
Eric Staal, Car	18	10	5	15
Daniel Cleary, Det	21	9	6	15
Nick Guerin, Pit	22	7	8	15
Marian Hossa, Det	21	6	9	15
Martin Havlat, Chi	16	5	10	15
Nicklas Backstrom, Was	14	3	12	15

**NCAA Super Regionals**  
(Best-of-three)  
**At Tallahassee, Fla.**  
**Friday:** Arkansas 7, Florida State 2  
**Saturday:** Arkansas 9, Florida State 8, Arkansas advances  
**At Oxford, Miss.**  
**Friday:** Mississippi 4, Virginia 3, 12 innings  
**Saturday:** Virginia 4, Mississippi 3  
**Sunday:** Virginia 5, Mississippi 1, Virginia advances  
**At Baton Rouge, La.**  
**Friday:** LSU 12, Rice 9  
**Saturday:** LSU 5, Rice 3, LSU advances  
**At Fullerton, Calif.**  
**Friday:** Cal State Fullerton 12, Louisville 0  
**Saturday:** Cal State Fullerton 11, Louisville 2, Cal State Fullerton advances  
**At Austin, Texas**  
**Saturday:** Texas 10, TCU 4  
**Sunday:** TCU 3, Texas 2  
**Monday:** Texas 5, TCU 2, Texas advances  
**At Gainesville, Fla.**  
**Saturday:** Southern Mississippi 9, Florida 7  
**Sunday:** Southern Mississippi 7, Florida 6, Southern Mississippi advances  
**At Chapel Hill, N.C.**  
**Saturday:** North Carolina 10, East Carolina 1  
**Sunday:** North Carolina 9, East Carolina 3, North Carolina advances  
**At Tempe, Ariz.**  
**Saturday:** Arizona State 7, Clemson 4  
**Sunday:** Arizona State 8, Clemson 2, Arizona State advances

**College World Series**  
**At Rosenblatt Stadium**  
**Omaha, Neb.**  
**Double Elimination**  
**Saturday, June 13**  
**Game 1** — Arkansas (39-22) vs. Cal State Fullerton (47-14)  
**Game 2** — Virginia (48-13-1) vs. LSU (51-16)  
**Sunday, June 14**  
**Game 3** — Arizona State (49-12) vs. North Carolina (47-16)  
**Game 4** — Southern Mississippi (40-24) vs. Texas (46-14-1)  
**Monday, June 15**  
**Game 5** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser  
**Game 6** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner  
**Tuesday, June 16**  
**Game 7** — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser  
**Game 8** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner  
**Wednesday, June 17**  
**Game 9** — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser  
**Thursday, June 18**  
**Game 10** — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser  
**Friday, June 19**  
**Game 11** — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner  
**Game 12** — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner  
**Saturday, June 20**  
**Game 13** — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, if necessary  
**Game 14** — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, if necessary  
**Championship Series**  
**Best-of-three**  
**Monday, June 22:** Game 1  
**Tuesday, June 23:** Game 2  
**Wednesday, June 24:** Game 3, if necessary

Collegiate Baseball Poll			
TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through June 8, points and previous ranking. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:			
Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Louisiana St.	51-16	490	1
2. Arizona St.	49-12	489	2
3. Cal. St. Fullerton	47-14	488	3
4. North Carolina	47-16	485	6
5. Texas	46-14-1	484	4
6. Virginia	48-13-1	482	10
7. Arkansas	39-22	479	16
8. Southern Miss	40-24	474	17
9. UC Irvine	45-15	471	11
10. Florida St.	45-18	469	5
11. Rice	43-18	468	7
12. Mississippi	44-20	467	8
13. Florida	42-22	465	9
14. Louisville	47-18	463	12
15. Clemson	44-22	462	13
16. East Carolina	46-20	460	14
17. Texas Christian	40-18	456	15
18. Georgia Tech	38-19-1	453	18
19. Oklahoma	43-20	450	19
20. Miami	38-22	447	20
21. South Carolina	40-23	445	21
22. Kansas St.	43-18-1	442	22
23. Western Kentucky	42-20	439	23
24. Oregon St.	37-19	436	24
25. Ohio State	37-19	435	25
26. Minnesota	40-19	434	26
27. Oklahoma State	34-24	432	27
28. Alabama	37-21	429	28
29. Vanderbilt	37-27	426	29
30. Coastal Carolina	47-16	424	30

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## College baseball

## Longhorns finally earn trip back to Omaha

By JIM VERTUNO

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — At a place like the University of Texas, four years between trips to the College World Series can feel like forever.

The long wait is over. The Longhorns are going back to Omaha, Neb.

Freshman Taylor Jungmann allowed two hits in six innings Monday night and top-seeded Texas earned its first trip to the College World Series since 2005 with a 5-2 victory over TCU.

"The season starts now, man," said Texas coach Augie Garrido, who has won five national titles, including two with Texas in 2002 and 2005. "The race is on."

Texas, which earned its record 33rd trip to the CWS, has won six national championships. With that kind of history, not getting there from 2006-08 was a test of patience for players who understand that anything less is considered a failure.

The last time Texas (46-14-1) went four years between CWS appearances was 1994-99.

Garrido gave the ball to his tall 19-year-old right-hander to steer the return trip. Jungmann struck out five and walked one in picking up his eighth win of the season before being replaced by Austin Wood in the bottom of the seventh.

"No fear," Jungmann said. "You have to go out there with confidence."

Jungmann also had big early run support. For a team built on pitching and defense, Texas showed some surprising power at the plate.

Texas led 3-0 after the first inning behind an RBI triple by Brandon Belt and a solo home run by Kevin Keyes.

Michael Torres opened the first with a single and scored when Belt smashed a long shot to deep center that hit the wall near the 400-foot marker. Belt scored on a fielder's choice before Keyes blasted his seventh home run of the season. Horned Frogs left fielder Jason Coats knew the ball was gone as soon as it left the bat and hardly moved from his spot as he watched it clear the wall.

"I know if I hit it hard, it's going to go," Keyes said.

The Longhorns scored two more in the



CHRIS CARSON/AP

The Texas dugout celebrates as Kevin Keyes watches his first-inning home run against TCU on Monday in the decisive game.

fourth with a double by Keyes and another by Cameron Rupp off Horned Frogs reliever Eric Marshall.

Wood, who pitched 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings in relief in Texas' 25-inning 3-2 win over Boston College a week earlier, came in with a 5-0 lead and gave up two runs before he was pulled for Chance Ruffin with one out in the ninth.

After allowing a two-out walk in the first, Jungmann retired the next nine TCU

batters. He got himself out of his only jam in the sixth inning.

A single and hit batter put two runners on with no outs. But Jungmann got the next two hitters to ground back to the mound. The first he threw to third for the first out of the inning. The second started a double play that ended it.

"He threw all his pitches for strikes," said TCU third baseman Matt Carpenter, who went 0-for-3. "To be able to handle

that situation with a chance to go to Omaha in an elimination game and to get that kind of performance out of a freshman is pretty unbelievable."

Tyler Lockwood took the loss for TCU (40-18), which had forced a third game of the Austin Super Regional with a 3-2 win Sunday.

The Longhorns play Southern Mississippi (40-24) on Sunday night.

## Virginia's O'Connor faces friend in CWS opener

By HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia coach Brian O'Connor has a book's worth of memories of the College World Series, growing up a few miles from Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb.

As a child just across the river in Council Bluffs, Iowa, he looked forward to attending games there with his father and brother every year from the time he was 4 years old.

He pitched for Creighton in the 1991 College World Series, absorbing a 12th-inning loss in his only appearance when a chopper up the middle bounced just out of his reach.

He also coached there in 2002 with Notre Dame during his nine years as an understudy to Paul Mainieri. Now, he's heading back for an opening game against his

best friend in coaching.

The Cavaliers (48-13-1) earned their first trip to Omaha on Sunday with a 5-1 victory against Mississippi. They will make their first appearance in Rosenblatt Stadium this weekend against Mainieri and LSU (51-16), in its 15th trip to the final eight.

The game is the only way the matchup could have happened, O'Connor said Monday.

"We have talked about it plenty of times before that we would never play each other until the NCAA said that we need to play each other, and now it happened and it just so happens to be in Omaha," he said. "We'll be friends up to the game, through the game and after the game."

But, he added, "the players will decide the game on the field."

Mainieri will be coaching in the CWS for the third time.

"We'll just have to put our

friendship on hold for three hours," he said.

O'Connor said he and Mainieri talk three or four times a week during the season and a few times a week in the offseason, a bond that began growing when Mainieri took a chance on a 23-year-old assistant coach at Notre Dame, and together they built a championship contender.

"When you become so close to each other, when you work in the same office with somebody for nine years, when you are side-by-side trying to build something together for nine years and in the fight together, you grow a really true fondness for each other," O'Connor said.

He said Mainieri gave him the autonomy to learn the coaching ropes at Notre Dame.

"I'm forever grateful to him for that," O'Connor said. "What I've learned as a coach, I have learned

from Paul Mainieri and I think he's the best in the business."

O'Connor, in his sixth season at Virginia, hasn't done too badly himself.

Virginia has been to the post-season in each of his seasons as coach and has earned its berth in the CWS by winning 10 of its last 11, all on the road. It started with four consecutive wins in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, the clincher coming against top-seeded Florida State, and continued with a remarkable performance in the regionals.

Sent to Irvine, Calif., Virginia first topped unbeaten Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State, widely regarded as one of the top pitching prospects ever, and then won two straight from the hosts, then the top-ranked team, to advance to the super regionals for the first time.

At Oxford, Miss., a first-game

loss on a walkoff home run in the bottom of the 12th inning snapped an eight-game winning streak, but Virginia came back to win the next two games.

Maybe the games ahead will help O'Connor leave Rosenblatt with a better taste than he did after that game in 1991 against Wichita State, which he said drew the largest crowd in the history of the College World Series to that point and more than lived up to its billing.

In the 12th inning, though, a chopper hit back toward the middle bounded about a foot out of his reach, and when the second baseman and shortstop collided, Wichita State won 3-2.

The winner's bracket game, he said, was long regarded as the best in College World Series history, and proved to be his only appearance in Omaha before Creighton was eliminated.

## Sports briefs

# Devils' Sutter resigns after two seasons

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A homesick Brent Sutter resigned as the coach of the New Jersey Devils after just two seasons, citing family reasons and scoffing at the idea that some may criticize him for leaving so soon.

"It might not be the right decision for some people and that's fine," Sutter said in a conference call from his home in Red Deer, Alberta. "I don't look at it like I am quitting on anything. I threw two years of my life and made a big commitment 3,000 miles away from where my life was and tried to do everything I possibly could to accomplish a goal. So by me doing that my life has suffered in other areas, and those areas to me are bigger than the game."

Sutter said the Devils' crushing loss to the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 7 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series had nothing to do with his decision.

New Jersey, which won its seventh Atlantic Division title in 12 years this past spring, ended its season by giving up two goals in the final 80 seconds to lose 4-3 in late April.

## Miami's O'Neal, Diawara will return to Heat

MIAMI — Forwards Jermaine O'Neal and Yakhoub Diawara of the Miami Heat have exercised options to remain under contract for next season.

Both had contracts mandating they "opt in" for the final years of their deal. O'Neal will make nearly \$23 million in 2009-10, while Diawara's salary is around \$900,000.

O'Neal averaged 13.3 points and 6.4 rebounds this past season for the Heat and Toronto. Diawara, who started 21 games in his first season with Miami and



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

**Brent Sutter resigned Tuesday as coach of the New Jersey Devils after just two seasons.**

third overall in the NBA, averaged 3.4 points per game.

In other NBA news:

■ The Philadelphia 76ers have traded forward Reggie Evans to the Toronto Raptors for shooter Jason Kapono.

## Favre family books motel rooms for Vikings game

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre's family is ready for his return to Green Bay if he winds up playing for the Minnesota Vikings.

Favre's family and friends have booked 25 to 30 rooms at the Midway Motor Lodge near Lambeau Field for the weekend of the Nov. 1 Vikings game at Green Bay, according to the Green Bay Press-Gazette.

The 39-year-old Favre retired in February for the second time, blaming a partially torn biceps tendon for his poor play for the New York Jets. The three-time NFL MVP reportedly had surgery

on his right shoulder in May.

The Vikings have expressed interest in bringing him back for a 19th season.

In other NFL news:

■ Sports agent Drew Rosenhaus says New Orleans Saints linebacker Dan Morgan has decided to retire from the NFL a second time.

■ Pio Sagapolutele, a defensive lineman who played five years for Cleveland and started in the 1997 Super Bowl for New England, has died. He was 39. The Plain Dealer of Cleveland said he died Saturday of an aneurysm in Chandler, Ariz., where he lived.

■ Former Chicago Bears star Roland Harper has been placed on probation for two years for acting as a front man in a \$1.5 million fraud involving a Chicago Public Schools landscaping contract.

■ Philadelphia Phillies closer Brad Lidge has gone on the 15-day disabled list because of a sprained right knee.

■ New York Mets reliever J.J. Putz has undergone surgery to remove a bone spur and fragments of bone from his right elbow. The Mets said after Tuesday's operation that he is expected to start throwing in about six weeks. The team hopes Putz returns to games in 10 to 12 weeks.

## Ortiz's vision is fine

BOSTON — It looks like David Ortiz's eyesight isn't the cause of his season-long slump.

His vision checked out "very well" during an examination Monday, and the Boston Red Sox designated hitter was given drops for dry eyes, team spokesperson Pam Ganley said.

Ortiz has two homers and 22 RBIs with a .197 batting average in 51 games.

In other baseball news:

■ Texas Rangers center fielder

Josh Hamilton will undergo surgery Tuesday to repair a partial tear in an abdominal muscle and is expected to miss the next 4-6 weeks.

■ Ryan Sweeney's sprained left knee hasn't healed as quickly as the Oakland Athletics hoped, and the outfielder was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday.

■ Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Mike Cameron has been suspended for two games after he made contact with an umpire Saturday against the Atlanta Braves.

## Reynolds returning for senior season at Villanova

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Villanova's Scottie Reynolds will return to school for his senior season — and maybe another run at a national title.

The Wildcats' star point guard removed his name from the 2009 NBA Draft pool on Tuesday, calling his decision to return to school the "best option" for him.

Reynolds averaged 15.2 points per game last season as the Wildcats reached their first Final Four since winning the national championship in 1985.

## Judge focuses on fee in Coyotes bankruptcy case

PHOENIX — A judge is zeroing in on a relocation fee the NHL could charge a Canadian billionaire for moving the Phoenix Coyotes to southern Ontario.

Judge Redfield Baum noted during Tuesday's hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court that if the fee is significant, billionaire Jim Balsillie could decide it is too high and withdraw his bid to buy the team. That would resolve the case for now and prevent the judge from ruling on other matters that could set a precedent in professional sports.

The NHL could then proceed with its plan to sell the money-losing team to a new owner who would keep it in Arizona.

The judge also said it was significant the NHL offered to fund the team next season while ownership issues are worked out.

## Vick gets July 2 deadline for new bankruptcy plan

NORFOLK, Va. — Suspended NFL star Michael Vick has a deadline of July 2 to tell a bankruptcy judge how he plans to pay back his creditors.

A federal bankruptcy judge in Virginia set the date for a new plan at a hearing Tuesday.

Judge Frank Santoro rejected Vick's initial bankruptcy plan in April. At the time, Santoro said Vick should sell some of his vehicles and one or both of the expensive homes he wanted to keep. The judge also was concerned that the plan depended on Vick's return to the NFL.

League Commissioner Roger Goodell has not said whether he will lift Vick's suspension.

The judge scheduled an Aug. 27 hearing to confirm or reject the new plan.

## Philadelphia gets Army-Navy game 5 of next 8 years

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Army-Navy football game will be held in Philadelphia for five of the next eight years, beginning in 2010.

The Naval Academy announced Tuesday that the annual duel between the two service academies will be held at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2017.

The teams will play at FedEx Field, home of the Washington Redskins, in 2011. Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium will host the event in 2014 and 2016.

# Draft: Having top pick, using it right are 2 different things

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Of course, having the No. 1 pick is one thing. Getting it right is another. The Nationals need only to look in their own back yard to see the best and the worst.

Alex Ovechkin has been the model No. 1 for the NHL's Capitals, leading them from last place to the playoffs while earning an MVP trophy along the way. The NBA's Wizards, meanwhile, needed several years to recover from the decision to place the franchise's hopes on No. 1 underachiever Kwame Brown.

For the Nationals, the choice of which player to take is obvious: Strasburg. But the franchise must decide how quickly to bring him along, how many innings he should pitch, how much — if any — they should tinker with his delivery.

And, above all, they must sign him.

That could be the sticky part. Strasburg's agent is hard-dealer Scott Boras, who is expected to ask for a record contract — far beyond the current high-water mark of \$10.5 million that Mark Prior received in 2001. Read between the lines and it's easy to see that the two sides are already staking out positions.

Boras: "Having gone through 36 drafts, Stephen is best college pitcher I've seen. It's a combination of stuff, his ability to throw three pitches with command, his character, and also the potential to be even better."

Nationals president Stan Kasten: "The hyperbole and mythology that the media has built up about him, I think has been a disservice to that one particular player because it's been so extreme that it's raised expectations to a highly unrealistic level. No one could possibly live up to the mythology that's being built up."

There's no telling what Boras' initial asking price will be. \$30 million? \$40 million? \$50 million? The Nationals are sure to point out that's an awful lot to give someone who has never thrown a pitch in the big leagues, while Boras will no doubt contend that even more has been given to older Japanese players with no MLB experience — the Boston Red Sox not long ago invested more than \$100 million in Daisuke Matsuzaka.

The Nationals can say the economy is bad, attendance is down across the country and that it's time to show some fiscal restraint. Boras will counter that major

league revenues remain near record levels: "The economy in baseball is very strong. The industry's doing very well," he said.

The Nationals can point out that it would throw everything askew for future drafts if an extraordinary amount is paid to one specific player. "We're not going to rewrite the whole sport for this year," Kasten said.

Boras' counterpoint could be that Strasburg is just the type of once-a-generation player worthy of such an extraordinary deal.

Boras can note that the Nationals caught plenty of flak for failing to sign last year's first-round draft pick, No. 9 overall selection Aaron Crow from Missouri. A team that can't get its first pick signed for two years running is essentially postponing its future and risking more ire from fans.

Kasten claims there's no connection between the two.

"I think they're completely independent," Kasten said. "I don't see how it puts any extra pressure on us at all. I think it gives some insight into how we operate. We made the highest offer for any pitcher in the draft last year, and that's all we were going to do. And if that wasn't good enough, we walked away."

Needless to say, these negotiations will take a while. If the No. 1 pick isn't signed, the Nationals will receive the No. 2 pick next year as compensation and the player would become eligible to be drafted next year.

If Strasburg's asking price is too high, Kasten says that's exactly what will happen.

"We expect to sign this player," Kasten said. "But we're also prepared if that doesn't happen."

Meanwhile, the players in the Nationals clubhouse are enduring loss after loss. One player alone can't do everything to turn a team around, but all are hoping Strasburg is a big part of the solution.

"I'm not going to go out and say he's a LeBron James or anything like that, but I sure hope he can come in here to do the things that LeBron has done for Cleveland," outfielder Willie Harris said. "But at the same time give the kid a chance to get his feet wet. Don't put so much pressure on the kid."

It might be too late for that. As Strasburg is about to find out, pressure is standard equipment that comes with being No. 1.





# In the Pits

by JENNA FRYER • AP

# No guitar hero: Busch's antics alienate fans

## NASCAR driver getting more heat after smashing trophy

**K**CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kyle Busch has always bucked the system, embracing the notoriety that comes with being NASCAR's newest bad boy.

He doesn't care if race fans dislike him — and boy, do they ever — and he makes no apologies for knocking people out of his way en route to Victory Lane. His rejection of conformity is genuine, and Busch does everything he can to avoid being grouped as just another politically correct NASCAR driver shilling for a sponsor.

So if he's aware of the growing backlash surrounding his guitar-smashing celebration after a Nationwide Series victory at Nashville, it's doubtful Busch even cares.

But this time, even his most ardent supporters wonder if Busch went too far.

See, it wasn't just any guitar that Busch whacked three times against the ground before tossing the chipped steel instrument aside. No, it was a revered Gibson Les Paul guitar that had been hand painted by longtime NASCAR artist Sam Bass and has become the symbol of Nashville Speedway.

Bass initially said he was stunned Saturday night to see Busch climb from his car, accept the trophy, then attempt to destroy it. But he had softened after speaking to Busch in Victory Lane, where the driver explained that Nashville had frustrated him for so long, he had promised his crew that if he ever claimed one of the coveted guitars, he'd smash it and share the pieces with the entire team.

On Monday, however, Bass told NASCAR Scene he was heartbroken to see Busch destroy the trophy.

"It was stunning, absolutely stunning to see that thing destroyed within seconds of him getting it," Bass told Scene. "It's his trophy, he can choose to do with it what he wants. But I'm not going to lie about it. If he had asked me, 'Hey, I'm thinking about destroying that trophy guitar whenever I win it, what do you think?' Of course I would have told him, 'No! Please don't. Let us give you a prop guitar.'"

Busch's celebration was not

meant to be disrespectful toward Bass, the speedway, sponsors or fans. Instead, it was sincere emotion from a driver who had flirted several times with victory at Nashville, only to come up empty in seven previous tries.

After finally breaking through for a dominating victory, the smashing of the guitar was, in Busch's mind, nothing more than an exorcising of demons.

Only nobody else sees it that way.

"I've got a lot of respect for Sam Bass and those people at Gibson that make those beautiful trophies," said three-time Nashville winner Carl Edwards. "You definitely will not see me smashing one of them."

Brad Keselowski, either. So thrilled to earn one of the guitars last June, he carried it all over the garage during post-race inspection and then fell asleep cradling it during the plane ride home. His JR Motorsports team has the photos to prove it.

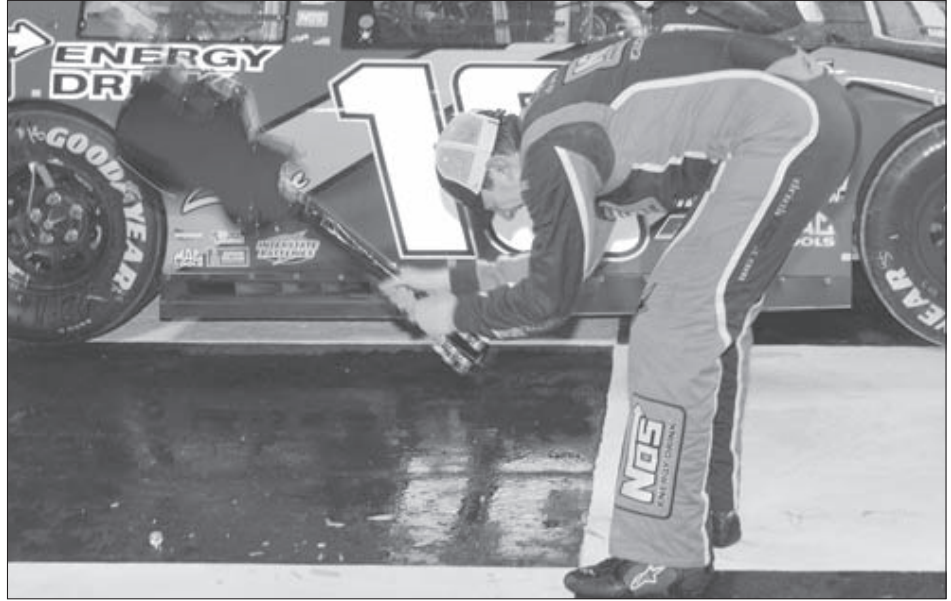
But the 24-year-old Busch doesn't think like that, and the big picture often escapes him. His antics used to be attributed to a lack of maturity, which ultimately cost him his job at Hendrick Motorsports two years ago this week.

After landing on his feet at Joe Gibbs Racing, he seemed to smooth his rough edges and settle into his own skin while rolling to 21 victories and leading the Sprint Cup Series standings for most of the regular season. But when his championship hopes crumbled in the opening Chase to the championship race, it became clear Busch is still a work in progress.

And there have been some rough patches this season, too. He embarrassed his crew by abandoning his car on the race track after they cost him a Nationwide victory at Bristol, and after any sort of setback he's stormed out of tracks without commenting several times.

That edge is the essence of Busch, and it's what makes him one of NASCAR's best drivers.

Without it, he maybe doesn't win as often or perhaps loses the hunger to race in every event he can find. With it, he offends people at every turn.



DONN JONES/AP

**Kyle Busch smashes his guitar trophy in Victory Lane on Saturday following his victory at the NASCAR Federated Auto Parts 300 Nationwide Series auto race in Gladeville, Tenn. Busch has always bucked the system, embracing the notoriety that comes with being NASCAR's newest bad boy. But in smashing the custom-made guitar, even his most ardent supporters wonder if he went too far.**

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MLB scoreboard

American League					
East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	34	23	.596	—	
Boston	33	24	.579	1	
Toronto	33	27	.550	2½	
Tampa Bay	29	30	.492	6	
Baltimore	24	33	.421	10	
Central Division					
Detroit	31	26	.544	—	
Minnesota	28	31	.475	4	
Chicago	27	31	.466	4½	
Kansas City	24	32	.429	6½	
Cleveland	25	34	.424	7	
West Division					
Texas	33	24	.579	—	
Los Angeles	28	27	.509	4	
Seattle	28	29	.491	5	
Oakland	26	30	.464	6½	
Monday's games					
Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 1st game					
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3					
Toronto 6, Texas 3					
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 1, 2nd game					
Oakland 4, Minnesota 3					



BEN MARGOT/AP

Twins second baseman Alexi Casilla leaps over Oakland's Adam Kennedy after turning a double play in the first inning.

Blue Jays 6, Rangers 3													
Toronto						Texas							
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi				
Scutaro ss	5	0	3	1	Kinsler 2b	4	0	1	0				
A.Hill 2b	4	0	1	1	MYong 3b	5	0	0	0				
Rios rf	4	0	1	0	Blalock dh	4	1	1	0				
V.Wells cf	3	2	0	0	N.Cruz rf	4	1	1	0				
Lind lf	4	2	2	4	DvMrp lf	4	1	2	0				
Ingllett lf	0	0	0	0	Byrd cf	4	0	2	1				
Rolen 3b	4	1	3	0	C.Davis 1b	3	0	0	0				
Overay 1b	3	1	1	0	Anjongs ph-1b	0	0	0	0				
Millar dh	4	0	1	0	Sitlmch c	3	0	1	1				
J.McDnl pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	0	1	0				
Barajs c	4	0	0	0									
Totals	35	6	12	6	Totals	35	3	9	2				
Toronto						Texas							
E—A.Hill (6), Feldman (3). DP—Toronto 1, Texas 2. LOB—Toronto 7, Texas 9. 2B—Rios (16), Rolen (17), Dav.Murphy 2 (8). HR—Lind 2 (11), SB—V.Wells (10), CS—Scutaro (4), Rolen (1), Byrd (1). SF—A.Hill.						020 200 002 —6 000 003 000 —3							
Toronto						Texas							
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Janssen W-2	5½	6	3	2	2	6							
Fraser H-3	1½	1	0	0	0	0							
League H-4	¾	1	0	0	0	1							
Downs S-8	1½	1	0	0	0	1							
Feldman L-5	1	6	7	4	4	2							
Jennings	2	4	2	2	1	2							
O'Day	1	1	0	0	0	1							
Jennings pitched to 3 batters in the 9th. HBP—by Janssen (Andrus). WP—Janssen. T—3:04. A—17,856 (49,170).													

Yankees 5, Rays 3												
Tampa Bay						New York						
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi		
B.Upton cf	4	0	0	0		Jeter ss	4	1	1	1		
Crwfrd lf	4	0	2	0		Damon lf	4	1	1	1		
Longori 3b	3	0	0	0		Teixer lb	3	1	1	0		
C.Pena 1b	3	0	0	0		ARodr3b	3	0	0	0		
Zobrist 2b	2	1	1	0		Cano 2b	3	1	1	0		
Dillon dh	4	0	0	0		Posada c	3	0	0	0		
MHRnd c	4	1	1	1		HMatssu dh	2	0	0	0		
Kapler rf	4	1	1	2		Swisher rf	3	1	2	2		
Brigne ss	3	0	0	0		Gardner cf	0	0	0	0		
Joyce ph	1	0	0	0		McCarr cf-rf	0	0	0	0		
Totals	32	3	5	3		Totals	28	5	6	5		
Tampa Bay						New York						
000 300 000—3						000 300 000—3						
DP—Tampa Bay 2, New York 1						LOB—Tampa Bay 7, New York 12						
2. HR—Kapler (1), Jeter (8), Damon (12), Teixeira (18), Swisher (12).												

Tampa Bay													
Nonanstone L1-4,6	7	6	5	5	2	1							
Choate	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	0	0	1	1						
Isringhausen	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0						
New York													
Pettitte W-6,2	6	5	3	2	3	7							
Hughes H,1	1	0	0	0	0	1							
Coke H,3	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Ma,Rivera S,14-15	1	0	0	0	0	1							
Nonanstone pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Pettitte (C.Pena). WP—Pettitte. T—2:34. A—44,706 (52,325).													
Athletics 4, Twins 3													
Minnesota					Oakland								
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi				
Span If	4	0	0	0	OCarer ss	3	0	2	0				
Mauer c	4	0	2	0	Kennedy 2b-rf	0	0	0	0				
Mornea 1b	4	0	0	0	Cust dh	4	1	1	1				
Cuddry rf	4	1	1	0	Holliday lf	3	0	0	0				
B.Harris ss	3	1	0	0	Giambi 1b	2	1	0	0				
DlmyYn dh	3	1	1	0	Barton 1b	1	0	0	0				
Kubel ph	1	0	0	0	KSuzuk c	4	1	1	0				
Gomez cf	2	0	0	1	Cngnm rf	1	1	0	0				
Busch ph	1	0	0	0	G.Pett 2b	2	0	0	0				
Tolbert 3b	2	0	1	2	Hannh 3b	3	0	1	0				
ACasil 2b	3	0	0	0	RDavis cf	3	0	1	0				
Totals	31	3	5	3	Totals	30	4	6	4				
Minnesota					Oakland								
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E—B.Harris (2). DP—Minnesota 1, Oakland 1. LOB—Minnesota 4, Oakland 6. 2B—Hannahan (6). HR—Cust (10), SB—Tolbert (4).													
Minnesota					Oakland								
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Swarzak	3½	4	3	3	3	3							
Ayala L-1,2	2	1	2	1	0	3							
Henn	2½	0	0	0	0	2							
Guerrier	¾	0	0	0	0	0							
HBP—by Swarzak (Cunningham). T—2:47. A—10,181 (35,067).													

Monday													
Tigers 5, White Sox 4													
Detroit					Chicago								
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi				
Grndrs cf	5	0	1	1	Pdsdnk lf	4	1	2	0				
Polanc 2b	4	0	1	0	AlRmrz ss	5	1	2	0				
Ordanz rf	5	1	2	0	Dye rf	4	1	2	2				
McIarr 1b	4	0	0	0	Thome dh	3	0	1	0				
JAndrs pr-lf	0	1	0	0	Konerk 1b	2	1	1	2				
Thams dh	4	1	2	0	Przyns c	4	0	0	0				
Inge 3b	4	1	2	0	Getz 2b	4	0	1	0				
Raburn lf-1b	4	1	1	0	Fields 3b	4	0	0	0				
Everett ss	5	1	2	1	Wise cf	4	0	0	0				
Sardinh c	2	0	0	1									
Totals	36	5	10	5	Totals	33	4	9	4				
Detroit					Chicago								
	020	011	001	—5		000	040	001	—6				
E—Pierzynski (3), Fields (8), Al.Ramirez (5). DP—Detroit 2, Chicago 1. LOB—Detroit 12, Chicago 8. 2B—Inge (9), Raburn (3), 3B—Getz (2), HR—Dye (15), Konerko (8), SB—Polanco (2), Getz (6). S—Sardinha, SF—Sardinha, Konerko.													
Detroit					Chicago								
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Galarraga	6½	7	3	3	4	3							
Seay H-11	½	0	0	0	0	1							
Zumaya W-3	0	0	0	0	0	1							
Rodney S-11	1	1	0	0	0	0							
Chicago					Detroit								
Richard	4½	5	3	3	5	4							
Carraasco	3½	3	1	1	0	5							
Linebrk L-2,3	1	2	1	0	0	0							
WP—Seay, Richard. Balk—Richard. T—3:01. A—24,408 (40,615).													

White Sox 6, Tigers 1													
Second Game													
Detroit					Chicago								
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi				
JAndrs lf	3	0	0	0	Pdsdnk lf	4	1	1	1				
Thams ph	1	1	1	1	AlRmrz ss	4	2	3	1				
Polanc 2b	4	0	0	0	Dye rf	4	2	3	0				
Thoms rf	4	0	1	0	Wise rf	0	0	0	0				
McIarr dh	3	0	0	0	Thome dh	3	1	2	3				
Grndrs cf	3	0	0	0	Konerk 1b	4	0	1	1				
Inge 3b	2	0	0	0	Bckhm 3b	3	0	0	0				
Raburn 1b	3	0	0	0	Getz 2b	4	0	0	0				
Laird c	3	0	0	0	BrAndr cf	4	0	0	0				
Santiag ss	3	0	0	0	RCastr c	2	0	0	0				
Totals	29	1	2	1	Totals	32	6	10	6				
Detroit					Chicago								
	000	000	001	—1		000	040	001	—6				
DP—Detroit 1. LOB—Detroit 2, Chicago 5.					2B—Thomas (6), Dye (6). HR—Thames (1), Pdsdnk (1), Al.Ramirez (5), Thome (10).								
Detroit					Chicago								
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bonderman L,0-1	4	8	6	6	3	1							
Miner	2	1	0	0	0	1							
N.Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	2							
Lyon	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Conreras W,1-5	8	1	1	0	0	1	3						
Thornton	1	1	1	1	0	0							
Bonderman pitched 3 to batters in the 5th. T—2:18. A—30,809 (40,615).													

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	33	22	.600	—
New York	30	25	.545	3
Atlanta	28	28	.500	5
Florida	28	31	.475	—
Washington	15	40	.273	18
Central Division				
Milwaukee	33	24	.579	—
St. Louis	31	27	.534	2½
Chicago	28	26	.519	3½
Cincinnati	29	27	.518	3½
Pittsburgh	26	31	.456	7
Houston	25	30	.455	7
West Division				
Los Angeles	39	20	.661	—
San Francisco	29	27	.518	8½
San Diego	27	30	.474	11
Colorado	25	32	.439	13
Arizona	25	33	.431	13½



## NL roundup

# Cox earns 2,000th victory with Braves

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bobby Cox didn't try to place perspective on his 2000th career win with the Braves. He said he couldn't even remember the first nine innings of the milestone victory.

David Ross' bases-loaded infield single in the 15th inning drove in Jeff Francoeur to give the Atlanta Braves a 7-6 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a game that lasted almost 5 hours Monday night.

Ross hit the grounder to shortstop Jack Wilson, whose throw to the third-base side of home plate pulled catcher Jason Jaramillo's foot off the plate as Francoeur scored.

"The ball beat him," said Wilson. "I could have made a better throw on that play."

Pittsburgh manager John Russell said he thought Jaramillo kept his foot on home.

"It was a tough play to end the game," Russell said. "We thought his foot was on the plate."

It was the longest game in Atlanta since the Braves beat the Astros 7-6 in 17 innings on July 7, 2008 in the longest game in Turner Field history.

The game lasted 4 hours, 46 minutes.

Cox, whose 2,355 wins overall in 28 seasons with Atlanta and Toronto rank fourth

all-time, wasn't impressed by his latest milestone, which he said meant "zero."

"All it means is that you're getting old and you've been around too long," said the 68-year-old Cox, who added "I've been lucky. We've always had great players here. To get that many you have to have great players. And we have them again this year."

Cox's players celebrated for him.

"He's the best there is and we're all happy for him," said Chipper Jones, who had two hits, including a two-run homer in the first inning. "Sorry it took five hours to get it for him but I think he'll take it nonetheless."

Karstens (2-4) walked Gregor Blanco to lead off the 15th. Blanco was forced out at second on Francoeur's unsuccessful sacrifice bunt. Francoeur raced to third on Martin Prado's single to center. Karstens loaded the bases on an intentional walk to Kelly Johnson before facing Ross.

Karstens, Pittsburgh's eighth pitcher, made his first relief appearance since Sept. 25, 2007 against Tampa Bay while with the New York Yankees. He had made 31 straight starts and was listed as Wednesday's starter against the Braves.

"I don't know if I'll start; we'll have to see what happens," said Karstens, who threw 18 pitches while giving up two hits

and a run.

Rookie Kris Medlen (2-2), Atlanta's eighth pitcher, earned the win with three scoreless innings in his first relief appearance. He made three starts before moving to the bullpen when the Braves called up Tommy Hanson.

After Peter Moylan blew a 6-3 lead by giving up three runs in the seventh, Atlanta's final six relievers threw 8<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings.

Brian McCann hit a two-run homer and Nate McLouth had three hits, including a homer, against his former team. The outfielder was traded to Atlanta last week.

Andrew McCutchen had four hits, including two triples and a double, for Pittsburgh.

McLouth had a first-inning single, a fifth-inning homer — his first with the Braves and 10th of the season — and a sixth-inning single. McLouth then stole second — also his 10th — and scored on a single by Yunel Escobar.

The trade cleared the way for the Pirates to promote McCutchen, who has seven hits in his last two games.

McCutchen's 11th-inning double followed a walk to Craig Monroe, but Monroe was thrown out at the plate on Escobar's relay throw from Blanco.

**Marlins 4, Giants 0:** At Miami, Sean West did not allow a hit until the seventh inning in his fourth career start and Brett Carroll hit his first career home run to help Florida beat Randy Johnson.

West (1-1) allowed one baserunner — a leadoff walk to Andres Torres in the third — through the first six innings. Edgar Renteria then lined a single to left on West's first pitch of the seventh.

Johnson (5-5), pitching on short rest, four days after he earned career victory No. 300 at Washington, allowed three runs, seven hits, three walks and struck out five in five innings.

**Padres 6, Diamondbacks 3:** At San Diego, Kevin Kouzmanoff tied his career-high with four RBIs and Jake Peavy bounced back from the shortest start of his career to lead the Padres to victory a day after they lost in 18 innings to Arizona.

Last Tuesday night, Peavy (6-6) left after just one inning of a 10-5 loss to the Phillies due to the flu. His start was pushed back a day to give him more time to recover. The ace went seven innings, allowing two earned runs on seven hits. He struck out eight and walked two.

Heath Bell pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 17th save.

## AL roundup

# Yankees get boost before Boston

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After another winning night of home run derby, the Yankees headed to Boston for some fun at Fenway. Then it's back home for the first Subway Series against the Mets at the new ballpark in the Bronx.

Despite going 0-5 against the Red Sox this year, the Yankees went north following Monday night's 5-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays with a one-game lead in the AL East and the best record in the American League. Now they have to figure out how to beat Boston.

"Obviously we would like to get payback and say all that good stuff, but we have to go out and play well," Johnny Damon said.

Mark Teixeira, Nick Swisher, Damon and Derek Jeter homered against Andy Sonnanstine (4-6), who gave up four homers for the first time in his big league career and dropped to 1-6 on the road.

New York has won 19 of its last 25 games, improving to 34-23 after its usual slow start.

"Obviously, we're playing a lot better," Jeter said. "We don't really take too much stock in what happened however long ago we played them."

When the Yankees played at Fenway from April 24-26 and faced the Red Sox at home May 4-5, they were missing Alex Rodriguez.

"When Alex was out of the lineup, we were still scoring some runs. We were falling behind teams and coming back. We just weren't pitching as good as we are

now," Jeter said. "Our starters have been good. Our bullpen has been good, and Mo has been Mo."

Mariano Rivera finished with a perfect ninth for the second straight day, getting save No. 496, his 14th in 15 chances this year. Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Rivera, who rebounded from Saturday's loss, might not be available Tuesday after pitching three days in a row and throwing 42 pitches. But his closer said he'd be ready.

"Oh, definitely, we need to win a game there," he said.

Teixeira's solo homer in the first and Swisher's two-run drive in the second built a 3-0 lead, but the Rays tied the score in the fourth when Rodriguez bobbled Ben Zobrist's leadoff grounder to third for an error. Michel Hernandez had an RBI single and Gabe Kapler followed with a two-run homer to left, Kapler's first home run since Sept. 7 for Milwaukee off San Diego's Chris Young.

Solo homers by Damon in the sixth and Jeter in the eighth finished Sonnanstine.

"I just think we didn't hit enough balls to right-center. There's a conveyor-belt effect out there," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "It's kind of like a jet stream."

There have been 105 homers in 29 games at the new ballpark, a sharp increase from the 160 last season at the original Yankee Stadium, and 63 have been hit to right and right-center. New York won despite finishing with just six hits — and no plate appearances with runners in scoring po-

sition for the first time since May 14, 2006.

Andy Pettitte (6-2) allowed three runs — two earned — and five hits in six innings, striking out a season-high seven. After walking 11 in his previous two starts, he cut his bases on balls to three.

"I probably felt as strong as I've felt all year starting the game out," he said.

All-Star third baseman Evan Longoria returned to the Rays' starting lineup after missing nearly a week with an injured left hamstring and went 0-for-3 with three strikeouts and a walk. Since injuring the leg while running out a grounder last Tuesday, Longoria had been limited to a pair of pinch-hitting appearances against the Yankees.

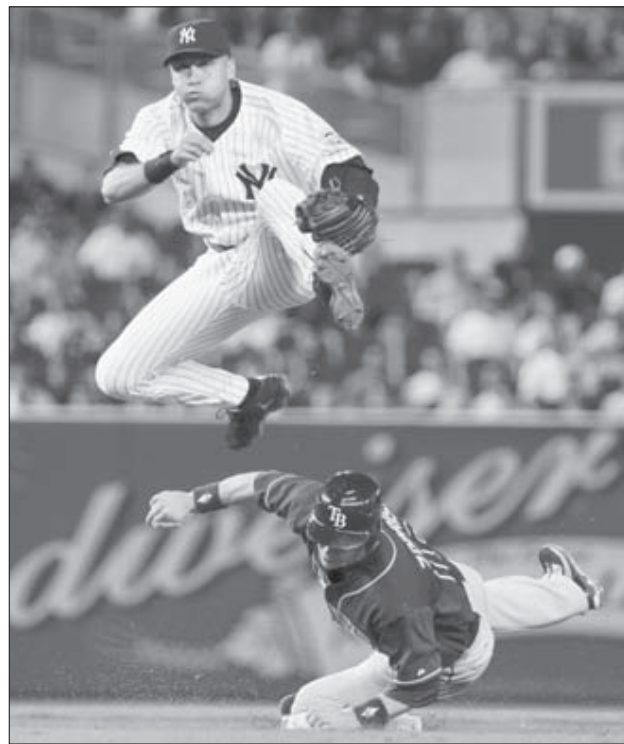
"He came in. He was adamant. He felt ready to go today, so we threw him out there," Maddon said.

**Athletics 4, Twins 3:** At Oakland, Calif., Jack Cust hit a go-ahead solo homer in the fifth off Luis Ayala (1-2) after Jack Hananah's tying three-run double, and the A's won their seventh straight.

It is Oakland's longest win streak since an eight-game spurt from June 8-16, 2006.

Rookie Josh Outman (4-0) fell behind in the fourth when Carlos Gomez drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk and Matt Tolbert hit a two-run single.

**Blue Jays 6, Rangers 3:** At Arlington, Texas, Adam Lind hit a pair of two-run homers off Scott Feldman (5-1), who lost for the



KATHY WILLENS/AP

**New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter jumps to avoid a sliding Tampa Bay Rays' Ben Zobrist after Joe Dillon hit into a fifth-inning double play at Yankee Stadium in New York on Monday night.**

first time in nine starts this season, and Toronto stopped a nine-game road losing streak.

Casey Janssen (2-2) gave up three runs, six hits and struck out six in 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. Scott Downs got the final out in the eighth and finished for his eighth save in nine chances.

**White Sox 6, Tigers 1:** At Chicago, Jose Contreras (1-5) returned from the minors and allowed one hit in eight innings to

win for the first time since June 27, earning the White Sox a doubleheader split.

Alexei Ramirez, Scott Podsednik and Jim Thome homered off Jeremy Bonderman (0-1), who pitched four innings in his first major league appearance since June 1 last year.

Bonderman had surgery June 30 last year to correct a condition that caused a blood clot in his pitching arm.

## SPORTS



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### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT

# Reaping the reward

## Nationals' ineptitude lands them the No. 1 pick

By JOSEPH WHITE  
The Associated Press

**T**he team is terrible. The crowds are pitiful, especially for a new stadium. The public image of the franchise is about as bad as it can get. It's a place where money is hoarded and victories are not, if popular sentiment is any indication.

The Washington Nationals are like many last-place teams that have come before them, regardless of the sport. And, like most of those teams, they own the coveted prize that comes with being bad, a transcendent reward that can rescue an organization or set it back even further for years to come.

The No. 1 draft pick.

And, this year, it's not just any No. 1. Everyone, it seems, can't get enough of Stephen Strasburg.

"Sometimes there are very special players that are able to change a franchise, able to label a franchise, able to put a franchise on the map," said Nationals reliever Ron Villone, a veteran of 12 teams in 15 major league seasons. "This year, I guess there's a young man who's got a once-in-a-lifetime arm, as far as we've seen, and you don't see that every day."

"I'm a baseball lover all my life. I see some guys who were just born to hit, born to play, born to run, born to throw. I think this year there's a guy who was born to throw."

The amateur baseball draft, which takes place Tuesday, usually lacks the excitement of the annual affairs in the NFL,

NBA and NHL, where the No. 1 selection is expected to make a quick impact and soon become a franchise player — or at least a perennial All-Star. Strasburg makes this year an exception. The 20-year-old with a high-90s fastball and the wicked slider is, to use a popular phrase of the moment, shovel-ready for the big time.

Think LeBron James in Cleveland. Peyton Manning in Indianapolis. Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh. That's the vision of what the right-hander from San Diego State might do for Washington, home of the worst team in the majors by far, where 15-month-old Nationals Park sits more than half empty on most nights, where radio and television ratings are embarrassingly low, where owner Ted Lerner has much PR ground to

make up after several missteps — including a long spat over stadium rent that angered citizens.

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San Diego State's Stephen Strasburg is widely considered the best prospect in the amateur baseball draft on Tuesday. The Washington Nationals own the No. 1 pick, and were expected to take what some experts believe to be a player who only comes along once a generation.

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